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New line to bring connections for towns as land sold

STATIONS BACK N TRACK SOON

Report by Megan Archer

NEW railway stations in Willenhall and Darlaston could be up and running in as little as three years' time, as the final piece of land needed has officially been acquired.

The West Midlands Combined Authority wants to bring rail routes back into public use, including Willenhall's old station on Bilston Street

and Darlaston's in James Bridge.

The two new stations will operate as part of the Walsall to Wolverhampton line, and the

the Walsall to Wolverhampton line, and the move brings to an end years of wrangling over a new station for both towns.

The project has been proposed on numerous occasions since the original sites closed in 1965.

But now it is one step closer to becoming reality, as property development and investment company St Francis Group has sold seven acres of land at Bentley Point, Cemetery Road in Darlaston to the WMCA. Walsall Council leader Councillor Sean Coughlan said: "This is good news for the town and surrounding area.

Ensure

"The station will serve an area we have marked for regeneration and connect it to Wal-sall and Wolverhampton. When the Transport Minister visited the site of Willenhall railway station he said he saw it opening up a site of economic activity. I will be calling on the coun-cil to ensure the land around the station in Dar-

cil to ensure the land around the station in Darlaston fits the same purpose."

An £18 million budget has been created for both stations, which will see hourly trains from Walsall to Wolverhampton, as well as hourly trips from Birmingham to Wolverhampton via Tame Bridge, Darlaston and Willenhall.

They could open as early as 2021 if construction runs smoothly. The project forms part of West Midlands Mayor Andy Street's plans to bring defunct rail routes back into public use.

Currently, the Walsall to Wolverhampton line does not have regular scheduled passenger

line does not have regular scheduled passenger services, after they were withdrawn in 2008, meaning train users between both places must travel in and out of Birmingham New Street

In 2012, a proposal was unveiled for a £4m station with two platforms and car park on Bilston Street, Willenhall, but the plans fell

STEVE GEARS UP TO TAKE ON CHALLENGE FOR SON



Steve Guy with a picture of his son Joe, who died aged 16, and cycling legend Hugh Porter who is backing his ride and run challenge

A BEREAVED father is to brave gruelling back-to-back sporting challenges in a fitting tribute to his late teenage son.

tribute to his late teenage son.
Steve Guy will jump on his bike to pedal across Wolverhampton before pounding the city pavements in memory of 16-year-old Joe. It comes a year after Willenhall rising star Joe suffered head and chest injures in a fatal

Joe suffered head and chest injures in a latal smash with a lorry.

Mr Guy said: "When Joe was born, I was a runner at the time. He was a cyclist when he died. I thought I'll do a bit of both."

Mr Guy will join this year's Carver Wolverhampton Half Marathon Events, tackling the Cousins 20k cycle ride at 9.30am before brac-

ing himself for the Banks's 10k run just 45 minutes later. He will join thousands of others as they set off from West Park on September 2. It will be the second time Mr Guy has

ber 2. It will be the second time Mr Guy has pledged to take part in a sporting challenge in memory of his son, who was a member of Wolverhampton Wheelers.

Last year, he made a last-minute decision to battle the 20k bike – won by Joe aged 14 – just three months after his son died.

The 57-year-old said: "The preparation is going well. The biggest challenge is, I have a 45 minute window. I've got to be back in 39 minutes to get changed into my running shoes and get to the start line."

Keen sportsman Joe was training to be-Keen sportsman Joe was training to become a professional time trial rider when he died in Vicarage Road, Four Ashes, on May 31 last year. An inquest into the death of the Our Lady and St Chad Catholic Academy student concluded it was an accident.

Cycling legend Hugh Porter cycled alongside Mr Guy as he took part in last year's event in Joe's memory, and plans to cheer him on again this year.

The former pro said: "It's quite a challenge, so he's going to have to put his toe down."

Postal entries for the events close on August 25. See wolverhamptonmarthonevents.

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RETAIL

Masterplan hope to rejuvenate centre

A MASTERPLAN to rejuvenate the heart of Walsall is to be launched in the wake of Marks & Spencer's 'devastating' closure. The former flagship Saddlers Shopping Centre store permanently closed its doors on Saturday after more than eight decades in the town. Councillor Mike Bird said consultants will now look at how to breathe life. sultants will now look at how to breathe life back into the area amid fears the closure will impact trade across the town centre.

The Walsall council leader said: "I find the Walsali council leader said: 1 find it very upsetting that Marks & Spencer is closing. It's more of a social place to go than anything. It's a great hole in the middle of the town. Footfall from the store will fall away and who knows what impact it will have on the rest of centre. I have commissioned consultants to look at the retail. missioned consultants to look at the retail missioned consultants to look at the retail offer, they are comprising a town centre masterplan which I hope will reveal different ways of developing the town centre following the demise of Marks and Spencer."

Customers trickled in and out of the store, which opened in 1943, ahead of its field from blower between

final 6pm closure.

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TRAGEDY

Teenage passenger had brain injuries

A TEENAGER killed in a crash in Walsall died of traumatic brain injuries, an inquest heard. Liam Ball was the passenger in the vehicle involved in the road traffic collision on Weston Street in the early hours of August 2, Black Country Coroner's Court heard on Monday. The car he was travelling in hit parked cars. The 17-year-old barber, of York Close in Malvern, was taken to

Oueen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham.

A CT scan revealed he had suffered serious injuries to his brain and died in hospital at 12.22am. A 16-year-old pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving after the crash which killed the teenager, and injured two others. He also pleaded guilty to driving without a licence, having no in-surance and failing to stop at the scene. He appeared at Wolverhampton Youth

Court on August 8 and will be sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court on September 5. Assistant coroner Laura Nash adjourned the hearing.

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Street's ahead to zip along at centre



Andy Street on the zip wire

THE West Midlands Mayor got into the Aitchison, former chairman of the charswing of things as he unveiled an advenity's council, and the Saintbury Trust ture centre's new zip wire.

Andy Street was on hand to test out the latest addition at Woodlands Adventure and Outdoor Learning in Aldridge as he braved the new zip wire.

Youngsters in the region will now be able to follow the mayor by tackling the new feature at the popular adventure centre, which is run by charity the Birmingham Boys and Girls Union. It has st £12,000 and was funded from dona tions made in memory of the late Neil

which originally funded the climbing tower from which the new zip wire runs.

Trustee Helen Ellis said: "He was delightful and was a very good sport. He toured the site and met the brownie groups who were there on the day.
"We thought Andy Street might be

an interested in coming to open it as he has been involved previously in taking disadvantaged children to Wales and he "He was totally game for having a go tower.

on the zip wire. He took his suit jacket and tie off, got harnessed and down he went. It is a great addition to our extensive facilities. It is for helping children to learn as well as have fun and it is a joy to be able to see them master some of the activities."

Woodlands, on a 35-acre site, is used by schools, youth groups. It also features paddle sports on the centre's own lake, climbing, abseiling, a full-scale assault course, archery and the recent additions of a high ropes course and a climbing

Visiting Corbyn says Austin must face probe

sall this week, but was embroiled in the continuing issue of antisemitism.

He has called for an investigation into Black Country MP Ian Austin to be dealt with as quickly as possible – but refused to back his deputy Tom Watson in calling

for the inquiry to be dropped.

Mr Austin is facing possible suspension from the party after an internal inquiry was launched into his behaviour during a heated argument with chairman Ian Lavery over tack-

with chairman Ian Lavery over tack-ling antisemitism.

The investigation should be dropped, according to West Bromwich East MP Mr Watson, who has said the party will be unfit for Government if urgent action was not taken to deal with the overhanging issue

Quickly

But speaking during his visit to the borough, Mr Corbyn said: "A com-plaint has been received, it is being investigated and I think it should be left to be investigated and dealt with, but hopefully as quickly as possible."

It comes after an internal inquiry into Labour MP Margaret Hodge was dropped. That was launched by the party after she called Mr Coryon an antisemite and a racist' in the House of Commons.

Her comments were made after the party introduced a new code of con-duct adopted from the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

which excluded several examples.

Some in the Jewish community said it should have been accepted in full. A review of the code is now being carried out.

Last week, Mr Watson said the on-

going arguments over antisemitism within the party will mean it will 'dis-



Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, who faced difficult questions during his visit to Walsall on Monday

appear into a vortex of eternal shame and embarrassment' if they were not ended.

And on Monday, Mr Corbyn was drawn on a picture taken of him holding a wreath at a memorial for a member of the terrorist group that carried out the Munich Olympics massacre in 1992, saying he was present but 'I don't think I was actually involved in it [the wreath-laying]'.

Mr Corbyn said: "I want us to move on and want us to be in a

place where the party is quite clear we don't accept antisemitism in any form whatsoever.

"That's why the National Executive Committee did approve a very tough code of conduct and agreed to consult on the examples in conjunction with the code of conduct and a decision will be made by the commit-

In April, Mr Corbyn told the Chronicle's sister paper, the Express & Star around 70 alleged cases of antisemitism were being looked into as part of an attempt by the party to tackle the issue.

He said: "Alot have been resolved

and in some cases there has been sanctions for admonishments issued

to people, in some cases there was

nothing to answer for.

"We look at each one as quickly as we can.

"I don't want cases hanging around and certainly since Jennie Formby became general secretary we have been much more rapid in dealing with all cases. If an objection or complaint is made it should be investigated quickly from the point of view of those who made complaint and those subject of the complaint.

"But it does put in perspective that any issues involve less than 0.01 per cent of party members."

Watchdogs' praise for mental health service again

A MENTAL health service has been rated as 'outstanding' for the second time in two years. Health watchdogs found that staff at Newbridge House, in Streetly, were 'kind', 'patient' and 'supportive' during a visit.

Inspectors from the Care Quality Comprises would the party of the care.

Commission awarded the centre a rating of 'good' in the safe, caring, and well-led categories. The service, which treats young people aged eight to 18 who have the most serious types of eating disorders, was also awarded a rating of 'outstanding' for the effective and re-

sponsive categories.

The report found that Newbridge House, was committed to research and innovation within the eating disorders field. Inspectors noted that staff provided a high quality treatment and care and that different professionals worked

and that different professionals worked well together to assess and plan for the needs of patients.

Staff were also found to have used a wide variety specialist tools to assess the severity of the patients' eating disorder and measure the outcomes of treatment interventions. Despite the 'outstanding' rating inspectors still found room for improvement noting that Newbridge House staff did not always follow the medicines policy over their disposal.

Check up, to save heated arguments

HOUSE hunters throughout the West Midlands have been urged to check the property's heating system before buying a new home

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A survey revealed failing to ask when
the boiler was last serviced was the
biggest regret homeowners had after
moving in. An additional 50 per cent
admitted they did not check if the radiators were working correctly either.

In response to these figures, the UK
trade secretive for the cill heating in.

trade association for the oil heating industry, OFTEC, has produced a helpful guide highlighting key questions to asks. Malcolm Farrow, of OFTEC, said: "Whilst we're usually good at asking all the obvious key questions, we often for-get about the heating system." For more information visit oilsave.

Blakemore up for awards double

WILLENHALL-BASED Blakemore Retail has been nominated for two awards. It is a finalist in the Retail Industry Awards in the food-to-go retailer of the year and multiple community retailer of the year categories. The winners will be announced on September 27.

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Chairman's shock after his arrival at airport

A 103-YEAR-OLD Walsall football club's chairman found out that a notice for its striking off the companies register had been lodged while he was at a Mexican airport on Monday.

Justin Hodgin took immediate action to get the move by Companies House, which could have seen Walsall Wood FC dissolved, terminated.

"The notice was because a £13 con-

"The notice was because a £13 confirmation statement had not been completed on time.

"It was a mistake that happened," said Mr Hodgin, an accountant and managing director of Birmingham-based accountants and induned the force is defined. Because the confirmation of independent financial advisers Bosthe club which plays at the ML Safety Stadium, also known as Oak Park, in Lichfield Road.

Secure

The confirmation statement of details of the directors has now been lodged.

The club's latest accounts for 2016-2017 lodged with Companies House showed the club had debts of £82,101.

Mr Hodgin, aged 45, who is one of three directors, said that the club was financially secure.

"We have no external debts or creditors. The whole debt is owed to myself and will never be called in," he

Walsall Wood, who are managed by former Walsall striker Gary Birch, won the Midland League division one title last season to gain promotion to the premier division.

Ex-patient in £135 boost for hospital

A FORMER hospital patient has netted £135 for coronary care after holding a charity football match.

Grateful Walsall Manor Hospital patient Andy Wood raised the cash after he spent more than two months there in 2013.

The 35-year-old was diagnosed with bacterial endocarditis, an infection caused by bacteria that enter the bloodstream and settle in the heart lining, heart valve or a blood vessel.

He said: "I was really ill and spent time on the coronary care ward where I was really well looked after." Mr Wood wanted to show his grati-

tude and organised a charity football match between Great Barr Rangers XI and Walsall Legends at Sutton Coldfield Town FC.

He added: "Great Barr Rangers won 8-2 and we had a great day playing the match at Sutton Coldfield Town FC. It's good to be able to give something back when you've been so ill."

Deal to save some Poundworld shops



Poundworld UK has found a buyer

a last-minute deal – but only a small a last-minute deal – but only a small number of stores are expected to be saved. Dublin retailing family, the Hendersons, who opened Ireland's original Poundworld store in 1984, have agreed a bid for the UK firm. All of Poundworld's stores closed last week as planned, but the family will begin to reopen some after the deal is rubber-stamped. It is not yet known if any of those in

It is not yet known if any of those in ne Midlands are affected by the deal. David Henderson confirmed their

offer had been accepted by adminis-

and remaining stores for an undisclosed sum. Poundworld UK, which was bought by US TPG Capital in 2015 for £150 million, collapsed into administration in June, closing more than 250 stores, resulting in the loss

of 4,000 jobs.

Ray Henderson sold his original Poundworld, then changed to Euroworld in 2007. His son, David Henderson, who has experience in the retail sector in Ireland and the US, led the

negotiations.

"We are delighted to have agreed

now look forward to bringing the company back to profit and provide current and new customers with an unrivalled product offering at low prices," David Henderson said. The Hendersons have formed a new UK entity, RVP Holdings, to operate the

Poundworld turned over nearly £500m in 2017 with 6,000 employees across 337 stores.

The Poundworld branches in Merry Hill, Bloxwich and West Bromwich were in the first round of closures.

have now put a plan in place they are 'willing to execute', sources say. Workers have said they are willing to strike over plans to scrap the current 45-hour contract and introduce a new 43-hour contract – reportedly cutting wages by up to £1,200 a year. at is believed up to 60 of the 90 drivers at Warburtons' Wednesbury site are due to be moved onto the new contract – with the baking firm said to be currently holding a consultation over the plans and carrying out one to one meetings with staff.

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Meanwhile, workers met at the Gospel Oak pub in Tipton last Thursday morning to ballot on the decision to strike, with 40 in favour and one against. A member of management from the Gospel Oak pub confirmed: "Talks are on-going for the time being." Warburtons were contacted for comment but failed to respond.

of strike action

DRIVERS at baking giant Warburtons are considering strike action over contract terms and conditions.

Around 40 disgruntled employees from Warburtons' Wednesbury plant

Ply for hire taxi driver to pay £700

A PRIVATE hire taxi driver was or dered to pay hundreds of pounds for picking up undercover officers who had not pre-booked the journey.

Awais Ali, of Dalkeith Street, Walsall, pleaded guilty to the offences of plying for hire and driving without insurance when he appeared at Walsall

surance when he appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court
It comes after Ali was caught in a sting when he picked up two officers from the Community Protection Team and West Midlands Police on Bridge Street in Walsall when they had not booked the journey.

The court ordered Ali to pay fines totalling £470 plus a victim surcharge of £33 and costs of £204 on August 2. The court also ordered six points to be

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placed on his driving licence.

Communities, leisure and culture chief, Councillor Gary Perry said: "We will not hesitate to take firm action when drivers pay such a disregard to the safety of the public. Plying for hire undermines the protection that is provided by licensing.

Rambiers off to the countryside for trek

THE Walsall Group of the Ramblers will be heading to Henley-in-Arden for a 7.5 mile circular walk on Sunday. This is a moderate walk in the War-

wickshire countryside on the Strat-ford-upon-Avon Canal and the Heart of England Way

Non-members are always welcome More information can be obtained from the walk leader on 01922 454389

Details about the group are availa-ble at www.walsallramblers.org.uk

Row erupts as gym to replace trampoline site

A POPULAR trampoline centre has closed after only a year - prompting a row over what should replace it.

A new gym is to open at the warehouse on Bentley Mill Way, Walsall, following the collapse of trampoline firm Jump In,

the collapse of trampoline firm Jump In, which has gone into liquidation.

But ward councillor Angela Underhill stated: "There are enough gyms in the area – we don't need another one."

The large 25,000sq ft warehouse was originally run by Jump Nation after the building had stood empty for at least seven years.

The firm ran it for a year before Jump In took over and spent a month improving the facilities, relaunching in May last year.

But the business ran into difficulties after only a few months and the trampoline centre eventually closed a few weeks ago.

Walsall's planning committee has approved an application by Simply Gym to provide a low-cost gym, which the company say will contribute to the health and well-being of local residents. A council spokesman said the area residents. A council spokesman said the area was 'not presently well-served by health and fitness centres'.

Replace

But Councillor Underhill argued that children and young people needed exercise fa-cilities more. "It's a dreadful shame this trampoline centre has gone out of business." she said. "It was really popular with youngsters

and we should look to replace it with something similar or at least aimed at that age group."

The former planning vice-chair helped to bring the trampoline centre to Bentley when other councillors wanted to see the building turned into factory units, and the business in-

"There's little we can do when a company goes into liquidation. But I don't think as a council we do enough to provide for that age group. I'm not sure we talk to them enough and find out what they want."

In a covering letter to the planning commit-tee, Simply Gym said their plans would 'en-hance access to health and fitness facilities'. The business will create 36 full-time jobs.

Park statue remembers veterans



With the statue is artist Julie Edwards; Councillor Sean Coughlan; Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Professor Rashid Gatrad; artist: Ron Thompson; Mayor Marco Longhi, and mayoress Andrea Longhi

MORE than 100 people turned out to witness the unveiling of a new commemorative First World War statue and memorial garden War statue and memorial garden at a Black Country park.

Councillors, neighbours and community group members were at Willenhall Memorial Park to pay tribute to all those from the town who fought in the First World War as part of its cente-nary year. They helped open the new memorial garden and unveil a commemorative statue depicting

a soldier planting a tree on Saturday after

Council leader, Councillor Sean Coughlan said: "I think it is an absolutely wonderful memorial to those people and that is what this park is. I set the friends of the park group up in 1993 so we celebrate 25 years, and one of our earliest members, Pat, remembers her father working on here to help build this wonderful park. This was my back yard as a kid growing up so it is wonderful"

The park was created in the early 1920s to commemorate those who died in the Great War. Some of the work was carried out by unemployed servicemen returning from the war.

The Trench Raiders performed at the event, reflecting on the life and times of former Willenhall soldier Jim Stretton – who was among those who returned to the town after the war and helped create the park. His grandson Jim Nicholls, 72, was at the event.

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Number of weekly pub closures static

THE number of pubs closing every week has remained at around 18 amid evidence that more people are choosing to drink at home, according to a

Ing to drink at noise, according to mew report.

There were 476 closures in the first six months of the year across the UK, 13 more than in the last six months of 2017, said the Campaign for Real

of 2017, said the Campaign for Real Ale (Camra).

There were more than 60 pub clo-sures a week in the North West and South East this year, with more than 50 in Greater London and the South West. Camra also reported that four out of five people had experienced a local pub closure in the past five years.

Most positive over dealings with GP

MOST patients are positive about their GP experience, a survey of al-most 760,000 people has found.

Almost half of respondents described their overall experience of their practice as very good, while 37.6 per cent said it was fairly good.

Two thirds of patients who asked for a same-day appointment got one, the GP Patient Survey 2018 found, and 61.6 per cent managed to see their GP when they wanted or sooner.

However, around a third of patients who wanted to see a GP but found their practice was closed said they ended up going to A&E.

House price rise bucks forecasts

HOUSE prices grew faster than expected in July, hitting a record high as pressure on household finances begins to ease, according to Halifax.

The annual pace of house price growth rose 3.3 per cent, smashing economists' forecasts for a 2.6 per cent increase, and helping average prices hit a new record high of £230,280.

The figure compares with the 1.8 per cent rise recorded in June and

represents the largest increase since last November.

Shortage of skilled workers now worse

THE shortage of skilled workers is getting worse, with most organisations now having problems recruiting suitably qualified staff.

The recruitment process is also tak-

ing longer, making it more expensive for firms to hire employees, said the Open University. Its research among almost 1,000 business leaders found that three out of five believe skills shortages have worsened."

COUNTY NEWS Chamber advice on re-imposed sanctions Theme park

THE Black Country's biggest business organisation is urging companies worried about new Iran trade sanctions to get in touch for crucial

advice.

In the wake of the US re-imposing sanctions, the Black Country Cham-

nounced he would re-impose a trade embargo on Iran after withdrawing from a 2015 deal that lifted sanctions in return for a halt on Iran's nuclear

programme.

But the UK and EU leaders are backing the Iran Nuclear Deal, with ber of Commerce is warning affected businesses to contact the organisation before taking any further action.

On Tuesday, President Trump an-

Businesses that do not comply with the sanctions, however, could face difficulties when it comes to trading

internationally.
Corin Crane, chief executive of the chamber, said: "We know there will likely be businesses affected by this recent announcement. We have fan-tastic international trade and export documentation advisers here at the Black Country Chamber and advise

any potentially affected firms to give us a call."

The chamber has around 1,500

member companies employing more than 67,500 people across Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton. Any firm affected by the sanc tions or seeking information can contact Gerald La Touche, Interna-tional trade adviser at the chamber,

M&S shuts its doors in Walsall after 80 years

Report by Annabal Bagdi

CUSTOMERS have been left disappointed after retail giant Marks & Spencer finally shut its doors at its 'iconic' town **centre spot.**Walsall's branch of the depart-

ment store closed after more than 80 years' trading to customers in the area on Saturday.

Shoppers have since spoken of their dismay after hearing the store will now stand empty, with no immediate plans for another retailer to claim the space.

Former court usher Delia Wilkes recalled using the 'iconic' store as a meeting point and said the closure would be a 'big loss' to the town. The

would be a big loss to the town. The grandmother-of-two regularly popped into the store when she worked at nearby Walsall Magistrates' Court.

Ms Wilkes, who lives in Cheslyn Hay, added: "I was surprised because I did not know this one was closing. Everyone I spoke to inside the store was devastated."

Her daughter Sandra Smallman Her daughter Sandra Smallman blamed a rise in online shopping for the demise of the store, which first opened on June 1, 1943. The 56-year-old support worker added: "We don't come here as often as we used to but it's really sad. In the 70s and 80s we would come down to the store on a weekly basis. It's [due to] online but we are all guilty of shopping online."

The former flagship Saddlers Shopping Centre store's closure was part of the commany's nationwide plan to shut

the company's nationwide plan to shut underperforming branches.

Mother-of-three Sheena Beesley said

Mother-of-three Sheena Beesley said Marks & Spencer's failure to attract younger shoppers through its doors was the cause of its downfall.

The 36-year-old, who lives in the town, suggested the empty retail space could instead now be filled with more places to eat. She added: "There's nothing for the younger generation."



Shoppers try to find some last-minute bargains at M&S before it shuts



Val Pickering, from Rushall

Her daughters Tailah, 13, and Latia, 17, agreed and added: "It's more for older people and it's really

expensive as well."

Val Pickering raised concern's the store's closure would now affect trade across the town centre, with



fewer shoppers visiting remaining stores. The 82-year-old, who lives in Rushall, said: "I'm disappointed really because I think it was a big asset to the town.

 $Father-of\text{-}six\ Mukhtar\ Edroos\ said$ he feared trade across the town cen-



Delia Wilkes, daughter Sandra Smallmar



Mukhtar Edroos - 'it's not good' From left, Taliah, Sheena and Latia Beesley

tre would continue to decline unless cheaper parking facilities were made available to residents.

The 56-year-old said: "It's a big shop that has closed, it's not good for Walsall. It's not like a town, it's like

ride death won't result in charges

NO charges have been brought against Drayton Manor after a young schoolgirl was killed on one of its rides, the theme park has said.

It was reported over the weekend that the theme park, which is still under investigation by the Health and Sector Executive (HEE) are Explain.

Safety Executive (HSE) over Evha Jannath's death last year, could face a manslaughter charge.

The reports came after Stafford-shire Police handed a file over to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) for crown Prosecution Service (CFS) for consideration. A spokesman for the CPS said: "We received a file of evi-dence from Staffordshire Police on July 25 in relation to an allegation of corporate manslaughter."

However a spokesman for the park, which is owned by 70-year-old Colin Bryan CBE, said no charges had been brought against the park.

A statement from the park said: "No charges have been brought by the police. We continue to co-operate fully with the HSE in its investigation and it would not be appropriate to comment further.

"The Drayton Manor community "The Drayton Manor community remains deeply saddened by the incident and our thoughts continue to be with the family and friends of Evha Jannath." Evha, 11, was killed on the Splash Canyon ride during a school trip in May last year just four days after celebrating her birthday.

The woungster was rescued and

The youngster was rescued and airlifted unconscious to Birmingham Children's Hospital but was pronounced dead shortly after arrival.

Splash Canyon has remained closed ever since with the park saying it will remain closed until the outcome of the HSE investigation.

Revamp of bus station begins

A MAJOR revamp of Walsall's busiest bus station has started with preparatory work beginning at the site

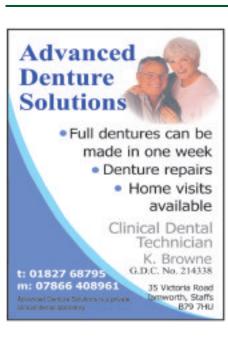
St Pauls Street station in the town will have it seating and flooring re-placed. The concrete walls in the waiting areas will be removed while large screens installed.

A public WiFi spot introduced - a first for a bus station in the West Mid-lands. A spokesman for Transport for West Midlands said preliminary work

had started at the site.

Artist impressions of how the new station will look like are to be made public next week.

The work will be complete by the end of this year. The bus station has three satellite bus stands on St Pauls Street and 11 stands within the main operating area of the bus station.









Deliveroo food firm **launches** in borough

FOOD delivery service Deliveroo has started up in Walsall.

It means that locals can now order food from over 15 restaurants from a variety of cuisines. The service has announced it will partner with 30 restaurants by the end of the year.

Deliveroo is an app and website that enables Brits to check out the very best local food in their area, the British company has seen great success and is now available in 12 different countries. Deliveroo works with both the best independent restaurants like Hargun Sweet Centre and also well-known high street favourites like TGI Friday's, PizzaExpress and KFC.

The launch will be a major boost to small restaurant businesses across Walsall who will be able to reach new customers and grown their restaurant

businesses through offering delivery.

More than 20 jobs will be created for local people in Walsall over the course of the first year, with the majority of these being Deliveroo riders, who aim to deliver food, which will be cooked, from the codes and delivered from the fresh to order and delivered from the restaurant kitchen to the customers' door, desk or even the park in under 30 minutes.

Dan Warne, Managing Director of Deliveroo in UK and Ireland, "Launching in Walsall is a key milestone for Deliveroo. Walsall has a thriving foodie community and a wide

Smart meter bid is backed by MP

AN MP has called upon residents to get free smart meters this summer

Eddie Hughes, MP for Walsall North, has encouraged constituents to consider smart meters to control energy use in the home. New British Gas data shows more than 12,900 smart meters have now been installed in Walsall North homes.

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Mr Hughes said: "Smart meters put
people in control of their energy use
and that's why it's positive to hear
that many homes here in Walsall have
already embraced this technology."

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The technology replaces traditional meters and shows how much energy is being used and what it's costing.

To find out more about having smart meters installed for free, visit www.britishgas.co.uk/smart.

Morris dancing

A PAIR of Morris dancing clubs are performing together. Stourbridge side Bedcote Morris will be joined by Birmingham's Beorma Morris at The Royal Exchange in Enville Street on August 30 from 8pm.

Thieves ransack elderly woman's home



Damage to the 78-year-old's home

an elderly woman's home in broad daylight – causing thousands of pounds worth of damage and stealing

sentimental jewellery.

The 78-year-old was shocked when she returned to her home in New Invention, and discovered her patio windows were smashed by yobs who then

dows were smashed by yobs who then stole her valuables.

Money, the jewellery and other items have been stolen, including a unique gold charm bracelet. The break-in took place at around 2.30pm last Wednesday. The woman, who did

her husband died last year but since the incident she has kept his walking stick by her bedside in case she needs 'to protect herself'.

They also terrorised her rescue dog, a Shih Tzu named Ricky, who she bought to keep her company. Her family are urging people nearby to be vigilant as they believe it could have been a lot worse.

Her daughter-in-law Dawn Richards, aged 47, of Bloxwich, said: "They got in and smashed it up and then just ransacked upstairs. It is ab-

self. They took a sentimental bracelet with charms on and she's absolutely gutted. She hardly ever used to wear t out in case she lost it – it meant a lot to her. We do not know the value of it, the bracelet was worth a lot of money but it is the damage that is really bad. Forensics came and took some items that they used to get into the property. It is just so upsetting

and she is really worried now."

CCTV is being examined and anyone with information is asked to call

New taxi 'super firm' looking for new drivers

NEW taxi drivers are urgently need ed across the Black Country as two companies prepare to merge in a bid to take on Uber.

It was recently revealed that 24 7 Cars

and ABC Cars planned to join together to create a 'super firm' of 700 taxis.

Company director Shahzad Ali said there was a 'greater need and demand' for efficient and reliable taxi services across the Black Country.

Country.

He said: "Taxi drivers play a fundamental role in their community, they take the public to their hospital appointments, the school run and everything in-between.

"It is a rewarding and fulfilling job where you are your own boss. As a company, we are investing in the training and development of our drivers and are striving to achieve profes-sional levels. We have also invested in our cus-tomer service centre and technology systems to achieve and deliver a world-class service.

Operate

"We are currently doing about 50,000 jour-neys a week all around the West Midlands. There is enough demand to double that if we get enough drivers."
24 7 Cars is currently an independent-

ly-owned company.

But if it merges with ABC Cars, the firm would operate under a new name and base, serving Willenhall, Darlaston, Bilston, Wolver-

hampton, Bloxwich and Walsall.

If the merger goes ahead it is thought that
the new business would be one of the biggest 20 private hire firms in the country

Bosses have said the move would involve a 'total revamp' of both companies, with new purpose-built offices under consideration.

purpose-built offices under consideration.
Both 24 7 and ABC currently have around
300 licensed cars each on the road.
Uber, which allows people to use a mobile
phone app to book a taxi, launched in Wolverhampton, Dudley and Walsall in 2016.
All applicants must be 25 years old or above,
have had a driving licence for two years, and
pass police checks and medical, while also having a good knowledge of the area

We are family – says TV medic



Laura Hickman, left, and Jo Stevens, who cover the Dudley area, and feature in the new series

A DOCUMENTARY capturing the real-life action of the West Midlands Ambulance Service is back on our TV screens.

Inside the Ambulance is filmed in Dudley and Willenhall by the ambulance crews themselves using GoPro cameras mounted to crew members and throughout their ambulances so viewers can get a unique perspective of their work.

The 10-episode series, airing on digital TV channel W began on Monday, and features the crews' response to medical emergencies, as well as a number of lighter mo-

Paramedic Laura Hickman. who has featured on the show since the second series, said: "I think it's great, it's a real eye-opener on the different types of jobs we go on on a daily basis.

"Alot of us do four 12-hour shifts a week so we are a real fam-

The documentary shines a light on the trials and tribulations of the ambulance service, Mrs Hick-man added: "It's a great show, it shows we are human, some people think we are robotic but we are

"Some jobs affect us but we

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chin-chin with gin as festival begins

GIN lovers will be able to enjoy a se-lection of gins from the UK and over-seas during an 11-day festival at a West Bromwich pub.

The Billiard Hall, in St Michael's Street, will be serving gins from Japan, Portugal, Spain, Germany and Italy, as well as those produced in the UK.

The festival kicks-off tomorrow Friday, and runs until Monday, August 27. There will be numerous award-winning gins among the selection, as well as a choice of flavoured

Luke Field, manager, said: "The festival promises to be great fun."

Nurses join in first lantern procession

A LANTERN procession will be held for graduating nurses in Walsall for the first time next week. Students at Wolverhampton's city campus have staged a similar ceremony for several years. Now nursing graduates at the Walsall site have organised their own.

The procession is on Thursday and starts from the Sister Dora statue in Walsall town centre. Graduates will then make their way to St Matthew's Church for a service starting at 6pm.

Graduate Rebecca Williams said: "We hope it will become a tradition at Walsall campus.

£10,000 pay hike for chief executive

WALSALL Council's Chief Executive is to receive a £10,000 pay rise despite being in the role for less than a year. Dr Helen Paterson joined the local

Dr Helen Paterson joined the local council in November and her salary is set to hike to £175,000 a year. Councillor Mike Bird, leader of Walsall Council, said: "The need for talented senior officers remains strong in the local government sector. It is therefore a necessity that the council remains competitive in the market to remains competitive in the market, to to manage and deliver the Council's vision."

Spate of burglaries to village properties

A SPATE of burglaries has hit proper ties across Pelsall.

In the most recent cases, a home in M the most recent cases, a nome in Westway was broken into and keys were stolen between Monday night and Tuesday morning, last week, while a second property situated 0.4 miles away in Leighs Road was targeted around the same time but nothing was stolen.

Police are warning residents to be

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IN MY VIEW

Now is it all change if we moan enough?

ACCORDING to a poll commissioned by that bastion of impartiality People's Vote, an organisation set up to campaign for a second referendum on leaving the EU, about half the population of the UK think it would be a good idea. Who'd have thought it?

As opinion polls go, it sounds about as authoritative as the old Whiskas ad-vert which said eight out of 10 cats pre-ferred their food. Still, they could be on refred their food. Still, they could be on to something. Perhaps it sets a precedent that any result we don't like can be reversed if we moan enough.

The Championship play-off final, for example, was a huge mistake. Villa should clearly have won. Time for a group called

People's Final to commission a poll outside Villa Park at, say, 5.45 on a Saturday

As for that World Cup semi-final against

THAT said, if there is one group more fanatical than the EU zealots, it must be

militant cyclists.

Not the millions of ordinary people who simply enjoy riding bikes, you understand. While I don't understand the appeal myself, particularly if it means turning up at your destination dripping with event and peopling a change of plothing. sweat and needing a change of clothing I do recognise that many people do. Each to their own, and all that.
The people I'm talking about are those

on a mission to convert the rest of us to their way of thinking. They spend thousands on bizarre clothing, subscribe to all the magazines, and never stop boring the rest of us about their virtuous life-style. And for some reason, they view themselves as some kind of marginalised minority group warranting special treat-

Over the weekend transport minister Jesse Norman announced propos-als to update road safety laws following the death last year of Kim Briggs at the hands of cyclist Charlie Alliston. Because dangerous driving laws do not extend to cyclists, the prosecution had to rely on a charge of "wanton and furious driving" under an 1861 act aimed at horse-drawn under an 1961 act almost at history-drawn carriages. As a result, Alliston was let off with an 18-month sentence, and is presumably at liberty once more.

You would think any reasonable person would be in favour of closing this loophole. But after a few hours of rage from the publicar greater on Twitter the principle.

the cycling zealots on Twitter the minister issued a timid apology.
I'm not sure which is the most pathetic.

The siege mentality of the cycling nuts, or the craven minister who lacked the back bone to stand up to them

Boris wades in once again, where others fear to tread



Blackadder's First World War futility - but



Boris's burka blast was not as much of a



Julian Lory, who was told to do some DIY poli-cing after reporting his tools had been stolen

laxing times tor pay-up politeness

STILL no reply from TV Licensing on why their reminders have adopted a more threatening tone of late. In the meantime, a reader points out that the vehicle-tax reminder from the DVLA now begins: "Tax it or lose it." First the threat, then the demand for money. And we pay their wages. I seem to remember a time when every communication from the Civil Service ended: "I remain your most obedient servant.

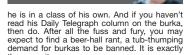
THE way things are going it's only a matter of time before all these official reminders begin with: "Pay up or we'll send the boys round."

GREAT dates in history. August 8, 2018: Britain discovers the Battle of Amiens. This week's wall-to-wall coverage of the centenary of the battle was a lesson for the nation, delivered

THE problem this country's influential liberal-Left has always had with the First World War is that for almost 100 years the only acceptable narrative was one of butchery, failure, waste, stupidity, lions led by donkeys, Blackadder and Oh, What a Lovely War. So it's a bit awkward having to explain to a forgetful and ignorant nation that Britain and her Allies, led by the same "donkeys" as in 1916, actually won the war in the summer and autumn of 1918. They did it in a series of fast, mobile battles, skilfully co-ordia series of last, finding battles, sinthly see ordinating armour, artillery, air power and infantry in a way never seen before. The Tommies of 1918 were proud of their victories, and we should be,

I AM not a fan of Boris Johnson. He was a dismal foreign secretary and would be a monu-mentally bad prime minister. But as a commen-tator and columnist who gets the nation talking,

PETER RHODES



JOHNSON'S column is a timely, considered intelligent and humane plea for Britain not to fol-low Denmark and France by imposing a ban on all face-coverings. Johnson clearly dislikes such forms of dress - hence his "letter box" jibe - but there is absolutely no way that his column, in an upmarket newspaper, could stir up racial or religious hatred - although some of the hysteri cal and politically-inspired reactions to it might.
The howling-down, the demands for him to be punished are chilling. We are supposed to live in a free country. Some days I barely recognise it.

AND off to the car- accessory showroom where the staff have all been issued with head-phones and Britney-style microphones, ena-bling them to communicate across the store. The result is a weird detachment. The lady at the till is looking at you and talking but she is not talking to you. She is talking to Carl in roof racks & camping and that sweet smile is for him, not you. So when you smile back, she looks at you as though you're mad. One day all these jobs will be done by robots. I don't think we will notice the difference

WHILE he was busy repairing a roof in a Dev-

FREE FITTING

on village, Julian Lory had £8,000 worth of tools stolen by burglars. Police advised him to "go door to door" and see if he could "generate a line of inquiry." No surprises there, then. The days are long gone when the constabulary responded to ordinary crimes inflicted on ordinary people. The best Mr Lory can hope for is that one day he'll get a call that goes: "Hi, Julian. It's Pc Bloggs here at the local nick. Thing is, we've got a hole in the roof and wondered if you could fix it for us." And Mr Lory will have the exquisite joy of replying: "No. I've got a better idea. Buy a trowel and some nails and a bucket full of mastic and then get yourself a ladder and . .

HERE'S something to worry about when the drought goes away. After the discovery of water beneath the surface of Mars, a scientist popped up on telly to stress the absolute necessity of not contaminating Martian microbes with germs from Earth. Fair point. But to be honest I'm more worried about humankind's eternal quest for knowledge resulting in a vial of Martian microbes being brought to Earth - and someone

AS any father will tell you, heroism is not part of the job description. But there was one moment in 1990 when I came home from work and presented my four-year-old daughter with something that made me the hero of the hour. I'd been interviewing a pair of North Country co-medians and although I'd barely heard of them, my little girl was a huge fan. She still has that autographed photo of the Chuckle Brothers. Chuckle died a few days ago and I bet a lot of 30-somethings shed a tear.

TALKING POINT

Doctor's orders on row over parking

IN reply to Mark Shipp's comments on the parking of emergency vehicles. To begin with, the parking warden had

actually been trained by EuroPark to not give out parking tickets to emergency vehicles so I would say he actually wasn't doing his job properly.

But to be honest, I don't even think that

Is the point.

Whether you think EuroPark actually trained him this way or he was being a jobsworth is up to you.

Mark 'agreed' with the fact that emergency workers need a drink during a long shift but didn't actually give any solutions to the problem.

Where they parked weeth interest.

Where they parked wasn't ideal but there was actually nowhere else nearby to park.

And on another point, this was private parking, so there are no actual 'laws' per-taining to this.

What I would like to ask Mark is how

exactly does he think these hardworking often self-sacrificing people will be able to drink, eat or even use the toilet if they

have nowhere to park?
They may not have been on an emergency call (you don't exactly see a blue light to pick up a sandwich from Tesco's!)

but they're always on stand-by for them.
So my question to you is – how would you feel if you called an ambulance for someone you cared about, someone very ill, possibly dying – and it took too long to arrive?

This is the reality of the situation if emergency workers find somewhere 'le-gal' to park.

If their ambulance is parked 20 minutes away and they have to run back, this loses precious time that they could be treating the patient.

ing the patient.
And in some situations, minutes can
mean life or death.
Would you really begrudge an ambulance parking on double yellows, would
you be willing to run that risk?
Unfortunately these days in the current
state of the NHS, a break doesn't nec-

essarily mean a break. If often means ramming a sandwich down your throat as fast as possible and moving on to the

next patient.

Our breaks are supposed to be protected but be realistic, are we going to sit down and relax with a cup of tea or down it and do our job?

It's hard being an emergency worker.

Please try to walk a mile in our shoes before you criticise. We are people, not super humans so please don't begrudge us a quick sand-

wich in between saving people's lives A&E DOCTOR

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THE Three Crowns, Sutton Road, Walsall is an outstanding example of a for its demolition and replacement buildings left in the borough simply to provide excessive profit for the applicant? building that announces arrival into very large building of solid construct. Not nationally or locally listed, the building that announces arrival into the town from the east. Walsall now has few buildings of ar-

chitectural merit, this building is one

Over decades it has been a local and has also has catered for weddings and major social events for the town, a well-loved building of which many Wal-

sall people will have happy memories. Situated just inside the greenbelt it has been redundant as licensed prem-

very large building of solid construc-tion and there is no reason why a sym-pathetic conservation architect cannot convert the structure to contain several homes. To do this would save a precious building and enable housing

to be provided without encroaching upon the greenbelt. Of course it would be far more prof-itable to demolish the Three Crowns and build expensive individual houses. Why should Walsall people witness the destruction of one of the finest, histor-

future of the Three Crowns will depend very much on the decision of Walsall planning committee.

This application must be refused with the clear instruction that future submissions must retain and make use of the existing building. Please register your objection to this application to Walsall Planning Service, email planingservice@wal.gov.uk. KEITH WATKINS Walsall

test drive of Brexit

YEARS ago I was a director in a successful firm. I had been driving the same car for a number of years; it had given me very little trouble. I felt safe in it, it was com-fortable and the service bills were reasonable.

However, my co-directors, family and friends told me I needed a car that reflected

the success of our company.

I went to a car dealer, took one on a test drive; the handling didn't feel right, it didn't have the clear vision of my car and it didn't feel as comfortable, so despite pressure, I said I would let the dealer know. I found out the car regularly gave prob-lems, service bills were hor-

rendous and the mpg was poor compared to mine. We have test-driven Brexit; it isn't what we expected, it is clearly going to cause problems and will be very costly. Let's stick to the well-tested model and be sure it will take us where

we want to go.
ROGER WATTS

Let's drop **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** I agree on **EMAIL**

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Exactly who will deal be good for?

A FEW weeks ago, Peter Rhodes said that "Brexit would be...better than what we had before". Excellent!
However, it's clear this won't apply if you are: An NHS worker or anyone who uses the NHS; Irish; a lorry or van driver taking goods to Europe; a car manufacturer; a British expat in the EU; a medical or scientific researcher; anyone who needs medicines, or cancer treatment.

The list goes on: a young person who wants to study or work abroad; buying food, particularly fresh fruit and veg; working in the financial and services sector; someone who likes safe products in the shops, environmental protections, and rights as a worker; going on holiday to Europe; wanting good relations with our nearest neighbours.

Hmm... how about a vote on the Brexit deal Peter?

J. KING

sentences

THE item by Express and Star 'Soft touch sentences are a disgrace', Sat August 4 rings so true. Like, I'm sure, so many readers, I'm sick and tired of reading about lenient sentences dished out to offenders, lack of policing due to cutbacks?

Of course the criminal element and chancers are going to look at this as a green light to do as they please? What has this coun-try come to? No deterrent, crime con-

tinues to rise, are they so blind they cannot see? Heaven help us, the judges

won't.
ROGER SHEPHERD

Putin poser

Dear Mr Rhodes: Why did Putin look so superior against Trump in Helsinki?

Easy. Trump is answerable to 330 million "free" people. Putin decides who speaks in his country or doesn't. Democracy allows

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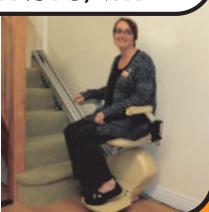
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Immigrant Big family gathering for Floss, aged 100 spared jail after staff targeted

crime spree to steal as many mobile phones as possible has been spared prison.

Monica Dumitru and an unidentified accomplice targeted shops but aimed for the employees and not the customers, a judge heard. The pair headed for the private rooms where staff leave their own possessions while at work.

sessions while at work.
They then rifled through
handbags and lockers
searching for phones, Wolverhampton Crown Court
was told. They had slipped
into three stores in Walsall
town centre on July 7 befree 28 rear old Dunitru fore 28-year-old Dumitru was caught red-handed by a member of the management at a Poundland shop, re-vealed Mr Edward Soulsby,

vealed Mr Edward Soursby, prosecuting.

She struck first at H&M in the Crown Wharf Shopping Centre where she escaped with a phone found in a handbag left in the staff room before pulling off carban conv burglary at a carbon copy burglary at Bonmarche, off Lower Hall Lane, involving another phone taken from a locker, he court heard.

Next she entered the

Fireplaces

Report by John Scott

Poundland store in Park Street where she was seen by a manager and eventually in an area where customers were not allowed.

Police were called and the

officers found the two stolen phones during a search of the defendant. CCTV film footage from the targeted stores confirmed Dumitru's involvement in the crimes

Dumitru, of Charles Road Small Heath, committed her latest crime two months after completed a curfew imposed for aiding and abet-ting shoplifting. She admit-ted two burglaries and an attempted burglary and was given a 16 month jail term suspended for 18 months with 80 hours unpaid work and a two month curfew.



Florence Humpage with daughters Pat Jennings and Janet Inns as she celebrates her 100th birthday

THEY came from far and near to celebrate a family matriarch with a very significant birthday.

Florence Humpage, who once worked in Walsall's world-renowned leather industry, marked her 100th birth-

day with a large family gathering.

The great-great-grandmother was joined by 40 of her close relatives and friends who travelled from Scotland, the south coast and the Channel Islands for a celebratory meal at a restaurant in Walsall.

Sitting in the sunshine, Florence, also known as Floss, recalled working for Specialities Leather in Wisemore Street where she was employed on preparation and lacing for purses and handbags. She started in the industry aged

"You were someone if you worked there [in the industry]," she said. "It was hard work and you worked long shifts but we enjoyed it."





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Bonfire alert as man hurt



The aftermath of the blaze in the back garden of a house in Burntwood

FIRE bosses are urging people to think twice before burning off weeds or waste in the garden during the hot weather after a blaze

left a man injured.
Staffordshire Fire and Rescue
Service has issued the warning after
a garden fire spread to nearby properties in Morley Road, Burntwood. Crews from Cannock and Lichfield Fire Stations used two hose reel jets

to extinguish the flames, which left an elderly man with burns to one of his arms. The resident had been using a blow torch to burn away the weeds in his garden when a fire broke out and spread to the fencing panels, his home and a neighbour. He was treated by para-medics from West Midlands Ambu-

lance Service. The blaze unfolded on August 3.

ONE person dies from drug abuse in the Black Country every six days, with the number of deaths almost doubling in a dec-

ade, shock new figures show.
Figures from the Office for National Statistics have revealed there were 122 deaths in the Black Country which involved illegal drugs or were as a result of drug abuse or dependence and Walsall was the borough

dependence and Walsall was the borough with the highest rate.

Covering the period between 2015 and 2017 the number of drug abuse deaths were up from 73 in 2005 to 2007.

In Walsall, an average of 5.1 people died from drug abuse per 100,000 population. This compared to 3.7 in Wolverhampton, 3.8 in Sandwell and 3.6 in Dudley.

The rise in drug abuse deaths come at a time council budgets are squeezing out spending on drug rehabilitation services. Councillor Alan White, deputy leader of Staffordshire County Council and cabinet member for health, accepted there had been an increase in deaths over the next decade.

an increase in deaths over the past decade. He said: "The rate of deaths in Staffordshire is lower than the regional and national rates, but over the last decade, there has been a consistent upward trend, not primarily from over-doses but because people using drugs are getting older and suffering from general health issues, such

suffering from general health issues, such as pneumonia and respiratory conditions."

The councillor also said the figures given were not up to date and the number of drug abuse deaths had plateaued last year.

He added: "We spend £5m a year on targeting drug and alcohol treatment where it makes the most difference. We work with our partners in the health and care services to ensure we continue to support those who need it most."

Karen Tyrell, of alcohol and drug charity Addaction, said: "The truth is that most drug-related deaths are preventable. People who use opioids often have cumulative physical and mental health problems.



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69-year-old Shock discovery of gas canisters rotary club faces threat of closure

running in the borough for nearly 70 years is set to close over the next 12 months, it has been revealed.

The Rotary Club of Darlaston's new president Ian Hankinson has warned that the club is likely to close. Ageing membership is the reason behind the expected closure.

expected closure. In an attempt to save it, the club is pleading for support and new members to sign up. They say without the club, which was formed in 1949, good causes and the wider community would not wider community would not

receive fundraising support.
In the past few years they In the past rew years they have raised money for St Lawrence's Church after their windows were broken, Rowley View Nursery who wanted new outdoor equip-ment and the local scouts who needed new tents plus they review new for a new

who needed new tents plus they raise money for a num-ber of international causes. They also joined with other rotary clubs in the re-gion to arrange for around 2,500 under privileged children to visit Drayton Manor for a day and, for at least 14 years, they have regularly

By Charlotte Callear

work with Aldridge Sailing Club to allow disabled peo-ple to have a go at the sport.

They have also helped to raise money for Darlaston Remembers, which ensures the remembrance day parade goes ahead in Darlaston each year.

But they are most well known for arranging Santa Clause to visit different spots around the area dur-ing the Christmas period to raise money. Membership cost £8 per month and much of that

month and much of that goes to insurance cover for members who help at events. Anyone who would like further information or would like to join can visit their site www.darlastonrotary.org



The bag of gas canisters

A LARGE bag of laughing gas canisters and balloons were discovered in the bushes in a residential area.

A resident was shocked to discover the bag of empty can-isters in Brookfield Close, Aldridge, which are illegally used by people to get high off nitrous oxide.

Around three boxes and dozens of the canisters were

uncovered.

Mike Hawes, who regularly picks up litter in the area, posted a photograph of the stash onto Facebook with the caption: "Here is a huge bag full of of them with the boxes and the balloons all neatly collected up and pushed into the hedge on Brookfield Close

"At least they were collected up I opened the bag as it was so heavy ." The Nitrous oxide has been illegal to use since 2016 under the

Psychoactive Substances Act

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Shop will help motorcyclists stay connected A NEW shop has opened in Cheslyn Hay selling waterproof mobile phone cases and fittings for motorcyclists on the move. IlltimateAddons has its sales unit at The brand has been keen on opening The brand has been kee

UltimateAddons has its sales unit at Landywood Enterprise Park in Cheslyn Hay.

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Surge in call-outs for air ambulance up 23pc

THE Midlands Air Ambulance attended 23 per cent more missions in the last 12 months than in the previous year, as well as attending its 50.000th in March.

Trauma and accidental inci-

of which 736 were road crashes.

Vehicle collisions were up 20 per cent compared to 2016/17 and the increase in incidents has prompted a call for more support for the service which does not receive any government fund-ing. Stabbings and violent crime were also responsible for the rise in call-outs - accounting for almost seven per cent of missions throughout the year. Motorcyclists and horse riders are

among the most common victims in need of assistance from air ambulance crews. On average, the Midlands Air Ambulance, which is based at Cosford, near Wolverhampton, now airlifts a biker every three days, and a horse rider every four days.

Operational

And with call-outs rising by nearly a quarter, leaders say the need for the public's support is greater than ever. Ian Roberts, air operations manager

for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, said: "It's clear from these statistics that the need for the support of the critical care paramedics and doctors on board our helicopters is higher than

The skilled aircrew, together with state-of-the-art equipment and heli-copters, ensure a patient's chances of



The air ambulance, which had a busy year for missions

survival are vastly increased, but in order to stay operational we need to raise in excess of £9 million each year. "Thankfully, the general public and local businesses across the six counties

local businesses across the six counties we cover do an amazing job every year to raise funds for the charity."

A new £7m helicopter entered the air ambulance fleet earlier this year, thanks to money raised from generous fundraisers.

Former England rugby star and husband of Zara Phillips, Mike Tindalland

husband of Zara Phillips, Mike Tin-dall, and racing driver Nigel Mansell,

who are ambassadors for the charity, were on hand to unveil the new heli-

copter in April.

The life-saving charity operates three strategically located air ambulance helicopters across six Midlands

In addition to the new H145 helicopter, the charity owns a H135 helicopter and leases another.

Information on fundraising for the service is available at midlands airanted.

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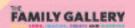


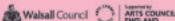
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'Parasites' Research centre on way for housing jibe over travellers under fire

THE leader of Walsall Council has sparked a huge row after branding the travelling com-

munity as "parasites".

Councillor Mike Bird described travellers as "intimidating and threatening" and accused them of being responsible for routine thefts in the town. He was speaking live on BBC WM when he made his

comments. He said: "The ones I have come across are a lawless society, they have no respect whatsoever for our commu-nity and I get this all the time - oh, it's their culture. "But what about our cul-

ture? What about our way

"They do not give a damn. I have now got 24 injunction sites because of the incursions we've had.

"It's the rubbish they leave, the intimidation, the threats, the theft. They are

threats, the their. They are parasites."

Councillor Bird's comments prompted an angry response from other callers, with one demanding Theresa May sack him for his "typecarytable lawrages".

"unacceptable language." Asked if he felt any venom towards travellers in gen-

Report by Tom Oakley

eral, Councillor Bird said: "Oh absolutely. The residents suffer 24 hours a day when travellers rock up on $their\ door steps.$

"They have youngsters driving motorbikes on pri-vate land and this is invariably on land that belongs to the council.

"They just have no respect for other people.

spect for other people.

"We have had many incursions in Walsall and the mess and the mayhem they cause, the theft they cause, is disgraceful. In recent weeks they walked into the local co-op and were literally just emptying the shelves.

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"And the manager, genu-inely, was so frightened that he let them get on with it."



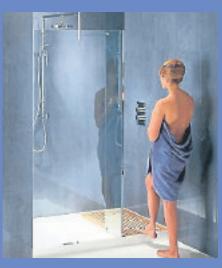
Andy Street with graduate Rowenna Valintine, quantity surveying student Ryan Allen and lecturer Glynis Hampton

THE University of Wolverhampton is to be home to a new national brownfield research centre that will help tackle the housing shortage, West Midlands Mayor Andy Street

The National Brownfield Institute is being funded as part of the $\mathfrak{L}350$ million Housing Deal for the West Midlands that the Chancellor announced would go to the West Midlands Combined Authority in his Spring Statement.

Around £100m of that will be used to buy and clean up former industrial sites in the Black Country to build homes on and the institute will play an integral role in that process. It will be based at the University's new Springfield Campus, which itself is a 12-acre £100m brownfield regeneration project in Wolverhampton city centre and will be housed alongside the University's new School of Architecture and Built Environment. For details on the Springfield development visit www.wlv.ac.uk/springfield.

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Jail for knifeman in Christmas pub attack

A KNIFEMAN has been jailed for stabbing a reveller at a Christmas pub party.

Yusaf Mohammed plunged the knife into his 22-year-old victim's chest when violence erupted in the smoking area at the Old Horns pub in Great Barr at 12.45am on

Christmas Day in 2015.
The man went on to make a full recovery but was lucky to survive after the knife narrowly avoided puncturing his baset.

his heart.

Officers soon identified 24-year-old Mohammed – known locally as Gliggsy' – as a suspect and later that day officers traced him to an address in Dunedin Road, Kingstanding. He had fled the area but officers

found clothes matching those worn by the attacker drying on a radiator hav-ing been washed by Mohammed in a bid to remove any DNA evidence.

Trouble

Investigating officer Pc Mandy Dorrington, from West Midlands Police, said: "There was no trouble during the evening – everyone seemed to be

the evening – everyone seemed to be merry and enjoying themselves – but trouble flared just after closing time as people were milling around outside. "It's not known exactly what sparked the disorder but an argument broke out between two men and for some reason Mohammed waded in and stabbad one of the men."

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"CCTV shows the victim collapse on a grass verge near the pub car park. He was lucky to survive."

When he was arrested on January 29, 2016, Mohammed denied being involved and claimed it was a case of mistaken identity – despite a key witness victims him out as the offonder.

ness picking him out as the offender.
However, a jury at Wolverhampton
Crown Court was shown CCTV evi-



Yusaf 'Biggsy' Mohammed

dence and heard from a witness who saw Mohammed with a knife in the pub toilets. On Friday, Mohammed was found guilty of wounding and sen-tenced to six-and-a-half years behind

Another man, aged 20 at the time. suffered a serious head injury after being knocked unconscious during the

The Old Horns pub on Queslett Road

brawl. His attacker, 20-year-old Jake Thomason, of Beacon Road, Pheasey will be sentenced for wounding later

Pc Dorrington added: "This was a complex investigation, with lots of witness accounts and CCTV to be gathered, but I am pleased Mohammed has now finally been brought to justice."

Baby 'died of head injury

A POST mortem revealed an eight-month-old baby died of a head injury, an inquest heard.

The brief opening hearing at Black Coroner's Court on Thursday heard Hope-Sofia Smith died at Birmingham Children's Hospital on November 11, 2017. She was born on March 19 of year and had been living in the Walsall area at the time of her death.

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olas Barnes said: "The cause of death was given as a head injury.

"The file was passed to the Crown Prosecution Service in December 2017. A charge decision is imminent,

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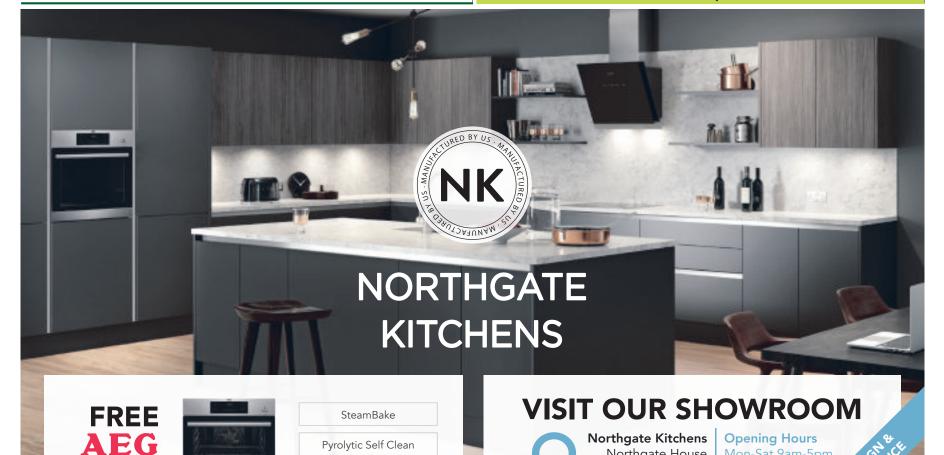
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Vicki Phipps, of Bloxwich, in a 1950s area at her Mindful Gifts shop

put all my energy into a passion that I had for making a difference to the lives of people with demen-

tia and their carers.

She set up a not-for-profit Community Interest Company (CIC) specialising in activities for people with dementia.

Vicki, of Bloxwich, worked initially from home and when this became too small she opened a small shop on the corner of King Street in Darlaston.

There is also a private area where Vicki gives advice to families and care professionals on the suitability of the activities for people with dementia. For more information, see mindfulgifts.co.uk

Shop set in past Mindful of future care Mixed views on move to chop down trees

stroy four 'historic' trees that stand within Walsall Highgate Brewery's conservation area are up for discussion by town planners.

Proposals to cut down the syca-mores, which stand at the rear of Drayman Close and adjacent to garages serving nearby Emery Close, have met with mixed reactions from

meighbouring residents.

Walsall Council said it had received a number of letters in favour of felling the trees alongside a signed petition voting to save them. One resident of Drayman Close, who did not wish to be named, said: "These trees grow considerably every year and the branches get nearer the houses and are a danger to damaging the fence to the close



Sycamore trees in the conservation area

"They have deprived our house of light and a living lawn. Paintwork on vehicles has been damaged and patio furniture destroyed. The gardens are littered with flowers, leaves, twigs, seeds and greenfly and it's difficult to grow grass and plants.

"These trees are a nuisance. We can no longer park cars along the fence side of

in the garden," added the resident.

A Walsall Council spokesman said:
"This particular area is located within the Highgate Conservation Area and is part of the Listed Building status for Highgate Brewery.

"The precise boundary of the rear gar-dens is undetermined at this stage as there is a double fence line and therefore the ownership of the trees is also undeter-mined at present."

mined at present.

In a letter objecting to the plans, another resident said: "These sycamore trees are in good health. They make a significant contribution to the amenity, aesthetic and landscape value of the area and also support a range of wildlife.

"They provide a useful amount of screening between the properties in Dray-man Close and Emery Close and I feel there may even be an impact on flooding in the area if the trees are removed.'

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Nursery children help clean up with eco awards

try have been hailed as environmental experts after nurseries they attend received prestigious eco awards.

As part an award launched by The Co-operative Childcare, the nurseries in Walsall Wood and St Edwards in Birmingham are now 'Bronze Eco-Schools', officially ac-

credited by Keeping Britain Tidy.

This means they have all nominated an eco-committee of children, completed a child-led evaluation of the nursery, and created a hands-on action plan to make their nursery a greener

And nurseries in Finchfield Wolver-And nurseries in Finchfield, Wolver-hampton and Rathvilly in Birmingham have already progressed to 'silver', meaning children have begun working on their next sustainability project, on topics such as marine life or global cit-

topics such as marine life or global citizenship.

The youngsters have been on nature walks, building homes for hedgehogs and feeding stations for butterflies, and learning about practical ways to save electricity by turning off light switches when not in use.

The Co-operative Childcare is now working towards all of its nurseries being Green Flag holders.

Debbie Pritchard, nursery manager at Walsall Wood, said: "We work hard to create the best nursery environment possible for the children and the Eco-School accreditation not only helps us make sure we do so in the most envi-

School accreditation not only helps us make sure we do so in the most environmentally friendly way possible.
"One little boy even went home from nursery and asked his mum at the supermarket tills why she was using plastic carrier bags, because they are bad for the whales and dolphins."



Yyoungsters celebrating their 'eco' silver award at the Rathvilly nursery

Knockout nights out as Hagler to appear at club

'MARVELLOUS' Marvin Hagler is the next legendary boxer to make an appearance at Cannock venue The Premier Suite.

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Retired nurse Sheila got a new smile after a year of dental misery, husband Dave admits he too is now enjoying the life changes it's brought about.

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When former specialist nurse Sheila Haycock finally found a solution for her failing teeth she quite literally received a prescription for a new life. and so did her husband, Dave.

Emotionally broken by a catalogue of dental disasters, for a whole year she suffered pain every day and her confidence plummeted. "Each day was a nightmare.

"Every day I'd have a new ulcer in my mouth. I couldn't eat properly, stopped going out and couldn't face looking at myself in a mirror - in fact, I'd cover them up.

"I'd speak and laugh with my hand in front of my mouth, avoid having my picture taken and couldn't chew properly - if I did go out, I'd always have to order lasagne because it was soft food," she recalls.

Terrified of dentist

Sheila's problems began when her natural teeth became mobile and braved her worst fears, having a full clearance to make way for an upper and lower denture.

Terrified of the dentist, she adds: "I thought it was impossible for things to get worse, but nothing could have prepared me for the next 12 months. The first time I took my teeth out and looked in the mirror, psychologically, I was beside myself.

"I'd been so preoccupied with mastering my fear of the dentist, I hadn't worked through the impact of losing my teeth would have on me. It was devastating

Initially. Dave confesses to "not being that helpful," explaining her native teeth "needed to go and to deal with it."

"I know, I told him," says Sheila, "but they were mine!'

Even the loss of a single tooth is now clinically recognised as a potential precursor for a mourning process.

and Dave Haycock - a new outlook on life

Adds Dave: "She was upset and I felt utterly helpless. The guilt of it all . . .

I wanted to help, but couldn't. I could eat what ever I wanted, but she couldn't and every day - every day - there was a new problem to address.

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- Norma Aston

When I first saw my teeth I thought they looked just like my real teeth.

· Vicki Ball

Sheila, who specialised in wound dressings, admits she felt trapped, having been assured her jawbone density would be too poor to support implants.

"My dentures seemed to be rotating and rolling around and I hated the denture glue. I'd use it and as soon as I'd try to eat something, within 15 minutes my teeth would be unstable again. I was mortified having to use it over and over again. I was not coping.

Taking advice from her daughter, who had received a recommendation from a work colleague that North Street Dental and Implant Clinic could help, Sheila headed for

"Within 15 minutes of walking in to the surgery Steven [practice principal Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng)] was helping me," she says

As a temporary measure, an oral impression was taken and her painful dentures lined with a soft material that would help ease the discomfort and improve fit.

'Own teeth'

Sheila was prescribed a traditional top prosthetic and a lower over-denture retained on two implants. The surgery was carried out under sedation by North Street's clinical lead, Owain Rees BDS DGDP(UK) Dip Imp Dent (UCL) GDC61576.

'All I can say is that it has completely changed my life. There's nothing I can't eat and the implant prosthetic doesn't feel false. It's comparable for me to my own teeth. When I first saw my new teeth in the mirror, I thought who's this person? They looked natural, just like real teeth," says Sheila.

Dave, a former civil engineer, adds: "She's completely different. It's been life-changing for me too and we can now get on with our retirement "

Both keen gardeners, they agree the financial investment is in a quality life choice."It's the best thing she's ever had done," adds Dave.

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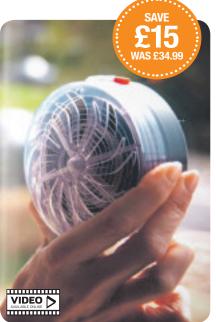
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Listen once more with The Feeling

The Feeling will perform their celebrated million-selling album Twelve Stops And Home when they hit the road for their first tour in two years.

It's been 12 years since the acclaimed album's release and the band will headline Birmingham Town Hall on October 22.

Twelve Stops And Home – named after the Piccadilly Line journey from Leicester Square to frontman's Dan Gillespie Sells' home stop of Bounds Green – was originally released on June 5, 2006.

Despite being largely self-recorded in the garden shed of Ciaran and Kevin Jeremiah's parents' Sussex home, the album was a hit-the-ground-running masterpiece of fiercely infectious, lifeaffirming pop, pitched in the rainbow-coloured realm between Queen, Scissor Sisters, ELO and Supertramp.

Five of the album's songs became hit singles (Sewn, Fill My Little World, Never Be Lonely, Rose and Love It When You Call), helping the band to become the mostplayed act on British radio in 2006, and earning them the Ivor Novello Award for Songwriters of the Year.

Dan says: "I'm so excited to be playing with the band again. To be performing an album that has always meant so much to me is going to be quite an experience. When we recorded it we were a bunch of lads working in a shed to create the kind of music we wanted to because we were doing what musicians do"



ONE of the most popular Black Country bands of the 1980s, the Red Lemon Electric Blues Band, are getting back together for another of their popular reunion concerts in the Black Country.

They will be bringing along special guests and original fans TV celebrities Adrian Chiles and Suzi Perry.

The Black Country raised sports presenters both were also briefly members of the group during the early days. Suzi, whose father Tony managed the band, used to dance on stage

with the group in the 1980s and Adrian, from

Hagley, was briefly the bass player.
The Red Lemon Electric Blues Band, who built up a huge local following some 30 years ago, will play their 'spiritual home' with a gig at Stourbridge Town hall on September 29.

They formed in 1985 and became a hit playing Rhythm and Blues at their own headline gigs and supporting stars like Chuck Berry and Robert Plant.

They gained fans outside the Midlands, even even outside the UK, by performing at jazz and blues festivals. They played at the Royal Albert Hall as guests of Mencap and played on the bill with reggae star Desmond Dekker

In 1991 the band was invited by Chuck Berry to be special guests on his UK tour. They also played on the same bill as Robert Plant and became regulars at Ronnie Scott's Club, when the famous London jazz venue opened a branch on Birmingham's Broad Street. Whitesnake's Bernie Marsden even guested with the band in Birmingham.

The soul and rhythm and blues group first got back together in 2015 to celebrates the 30th anniversary.

Tickets cost £24 (plus booking fee) via 0844

844 0444, online from www.ticketmaster.co.uk or from Wolverhampton Art Gallery.

Festival date sees Busted make return

They've been conspicuous by their absence during a busy summer in which every weekend seems to bring a new festival.

Rather than appearing in fields and parks across the UK, Busted have been holed up in a studio creating their fourth album.

Singer-guitarist-drummer Charlie Simpson couldn't be more excited. He still finds it remarkable that the chart-topping band, who formed in 2000, still have only three records to their name.

Busted enjoyed two million-selling records during their first incarnation; the self-titled debut, which was four times platinum, and the 2003 follow-up, A Present for Everyone, three-times platinum. There followed a 10-year hiatus following their decision to split in 2005 and since then there's been just 2016's well-received Night

Charlie says: "We've been in the studio for the past few months doing the fourth record. But we've got a headline show at Solihull Summer Fest on August 26 and we're looking forward to that. Considering the weather we've had, if it carries on, it should be a lovely afternoon. We really look forward to these shows."

Solihull Summer Fest gives Busted the

chance to dust away the cobwebs. They'll line up with Razorlight, Lightning Seeds, The Beat, the Sugarhill Gang and more at Tudor Grange Park on August 26. The previous day features 10CC, Sister Sledge, Blue, Alesha Dixon and Roland Gift.





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Ned's duo added to bill as Shiiine moves venue

NED'S Atomic Dustbin bandmates Jonn Penney and Rat will perform at Shiiine On Festival in Birmingham.

The Stourbridge indie rockers will appear under the moniker Ned's Acoustic Dustbin at the one day event, which will now be hosted at the O2 Academy instead of the Genting Arena

The duo join a line up of bands such as Orbital, Shed Seven, Embrace, Cast, and the Happy Mondays

The event is also due to feature performances from Julian Cope, Reverend And The Makers. The Wedding present, A Certain Ratio, Glasvegas, and both members of Carter USM as Jim Bob plays solo and Les Fruitbat with his new project Abdoujaperov.

Also featuring on the bill is A Certain Ratio, Bentley Rhythm Ace, The Stairs, The Membranes, Thousand Yard Stare, Ivory Wave and Psyence. There will be DJ sets from BBC 6 Music's Steve Lamacq, Star Shaped, and Ocean Colour Scene's

Steve Cradock, as well as two aftershow parties featuring Todd Terry, Marshall Jefferson and Jon Dasilva

Shiiine On Festival takes place at Birmingham's O2 Academy at Horse Fair on September 8.

The doors will open at 2pm and the festival ends at 4am, with live music from 3 to 11pm, after-show parties start at 11pm.

For more information visit www. shijineon.com/one-day-festival and the organisers have apologised for any inconvenience caused by the change of venue.

Comic Wayne joins Black

One of the longest running shows on the entertainment circuit, A Black Country Night Out, returns this autumn with the addition of a young comedian from Dudley.

Over the years it has starred some of the truly great local entertainers such as Aynuk & Ayli, Tommy Mundon, Dolly Allen and Giggetty.

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Most recently the show lost one of its most popular acts due to the death of veteran comedian Ian 'Sludae' Lees.

Ever the professional and despite illness 'Sludge' helped pick the comic to join the cast, one of the

Black Country's most popular

comedians and MCs, Wayne Beese.
The heritage of the Black Country Night Out carries on with a show full of talented entertainers.

Show regulars Dandy, husband and wife duo Alan and Glyn, are back as are the band behind the Black Country Anthem, The Empty Can. Alongside Wayne, new regular

faces will include comic and former rock drummer Ollie Spencer, plus Joe Thomas singing the songs of 1940s favourite George Formby.

Tour dates include Wolverhamptor Grand Theatre on September 11. Bromsgrove's Artrix on October 3, Kidderminster Rose Theatre October 11, Cannock Prince of Wales October 17 and Walsall Forest Arts Centre on



Dudley's Wayne Beese

There will be One Love for Marley man

The timeless reggae music of Bob Marley will be brought to life again when Mitchell Brunings brings Marley Reprised to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre on September 15 and 16

Mitchell, who took on the leading role in Birmingham Rep's production of the Marley musical One Love last year and performed Marley Reprised 2017, is returning to Brum for a second year.

It will give fans a unique opportunity for a full evening of regae legend Bob Marley's greatest hits, with Mitchell's soulful voice so very close to those rich Marley tones.

Due to sell out shows last year, two dates have been

added for the 2018 return.

Surinam-born Brunings was catapulted into the

limelight in August 2013 with his version of Marley's Redemption Son when he participated in The Voice Of Holland TV show. Nearly winning the competition as runner-up, Mitchell's YouTube videos kept him in the limelight and brought him into contact with the Marley

Toto recall as Rep seek a Wizard canine star

Birmingham Repertory Theatre are looking for a dog to play the role of Toto in their Christmas production of The Wizard of Oz.

Open auditions will be held at The Rep on Centenary Square on Saturday, August 25, from 10am to 5pm. The role Dorothy's canine companion is a pivotal one and The Rep is looking for a canine star to join the company. The show runs from November 24 to January 13. The Rep is looking for two small dogs that have the enthusiasm and stamina to share the role over the seven-week run. No previous acting or stage experience is required, but good training and obedience will be. Directed by Liam Steel, this stage version of the legendary MGM musical features all the classic songs including Somewhere Over The Rainbow and If I Only Had A Brain.

If you think your dog has what it takes,email dogauditions@birmingham-rep.co.uk and attaching a picture (max size 2mb). All owners and dogs must be available for auditions on August 25 and on September 8. Α

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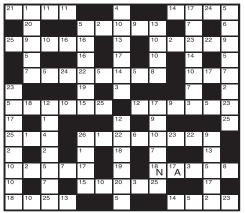
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 1. A good song? (4) 3. Possibly greets an
- N.C.O. (8) 8. A convict returning for a festive occasion (4)
- 9. In a convent it gives preferential treatment (8)
- 11. Service providing overhead savings for those in deep
- water (3,3,6) 13. A fair fighter? (6)
- 14. Sets out an increase in salary we hear (6)
- 17. In sound condition, though possibly highly strung (3,2,1,6)
- 20. Ugly in an awkward way (8) 21. One has a lot of fun
- with it! (4) 22. Set off for school in
- time (8)
- 23. A worker's cards? (4)

Down

- 1. Celebrated form of mahogany (8)
- 2. Fever may produce first-class alarm (7) 4. Of which
- Shakespeare wrote a comedy (6)
- 5. A healthy breed of rolling stock (5,5)
- 6. What one says when taking French leave? (5)
- 7. Trifles child's play really (4)
- 10. Road notice, perhaps, a job for a painter (10)
- 12. A desert's transformation vindicated (8)
- 15. Literary supplements? (7)
- 16. One way take battle formation (6)
- 18. Used in transporting other metals besides gold (5)
- 19. A pound of tobacco? (4)

Quick Clues:

- 1. Mediocre (2-2)
- 3. Ship's cargo list (8)
- 8. Park (4)
- 9. Talk (8)
- 11. Characteristic (12)
- 13. Anchorite (6) 14. Peril (6)
- 17. Loyalty (12)
- 20. Schoolmasterly (8)
- 21. Stupefy (4)
- 22. Reduced (8) 23. Kind (4)

- 1. Unswerving (8)
- 2. Warrior (7)
- 4. Quantity (6)
- 5. Uniform (10)
- 6. Merits (5)
- 7. Row (4) 10. Aid (10)
- 12. Dignity (8)
- 15. Immensely (7)
- 16. Station (6) 18. Sum (3,2)
- 19. Hurried (4)

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Obsolescent; 9 Aramaic; 10 Blame; 11 Easei; 12 Precede; 13 Hoarse; 15 Grotto; 18 Learner; 20 Realm; 22 Frost; 15 Grotto; 18 Learner; 20 Realm; 22 Frost; 3 Toughen; 24 Head the list. Down: 2 Beans; 3 Oracles; 4 Escape; 5 Cable; 6 Nearest; 7 Take the lift; 8 Development; 14 A la mode; 16 Rorqual; 17 Crutch; 19 Noted; 21 Ashes. OUICK - Across: 1 Dead certain; 9 Egotist; 10 Lever; 11 Overt; 12 Caption; 13 Steady; 15 Revert; 18 Regalia; 20 Totem; 22 Track; 23 Contain; 24 Bernard Shaw. Down: 2 Erode; 3 Drifted; 4 Entice; 5 Tullip; 6 Invoice; 7 Demonstrate; 8 Bring to mind; 14 Engrave; 16 Extends; 17 Lancer; 19 Liken; 21 Tiara. LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:

Quiz

- Who played the title role in the 1995 film Batman Forever?
- Battman Forever?

 Which European peninsula is named after the Turkish for 'mountains'?

 Which English philosopher was made a citizen of the French Republic in 1792?

 Of what type of bird is the condor a variety?
- wariety?
 Which flag is also known as Old Glory?
 Since the Common Market began in 1957,
- which language has had to be used at its
- press briefings? Which substances do Boyle's and Charles's laws concern? After which Norse god is Wednesday
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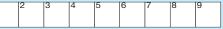
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6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Nadiya's Family Favourites. (R) 12.00 Football Focus. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Athletics: Birmingham Grand Prix. Live coverage of the 12th round of the Diamond League season. 4.30 Final Score. 5.15 Wedding Day Winners.

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- 7.50 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong quizzes eight writers – John O'Farrell, Emma Kennedy, Kathy Lette, Kate Mosse, Benjamin Zephaniah, Roger McGough, Terry Deary and Bryony Gordon. (R)
- Deary and Bryony Gordon. (R)

 Casually. The fall-out from the recent tragedy affects the whole department, and lain confesses to Jan that he could have prevented it from happening but did not. His tormented conscience is pricked further by an encounter with an internet prankster who has had a similar experience of failing to avert a disaster. Dylan is reunited with Clara, who is struggling to control both her own alcoholism and that of a friend whom she has persuaded to go cold turkey, resulting in a potentially dangerous shock to her system.
- 9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes tries to persuade the health visitor Grandad is in need of respite care - so she can go on holiday – and receives ominous news from beyond the grave from her late husband. (R)
- 10.00 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.
- 10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights from the Premier League.
- 11.45 The Rugby Codebreakers.
 Carolyn Hitt presents a look at the
 Welsh rugby players during the
 100-year amateur era.
- 12.45 Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.50 BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 Marrying Mum and Dad. 7.05
Officially Amazing Goes Bunkers. (R)
7.35 The Dengineers. 8.05 Deadly
Dinosaurs with Steve Backshall. 8.35
David Attenbrough's Natural Curiosities.
8.55 Nature's Miracle Babies. (R) 10.00
Natural World. (R) 11.00 Miniature
Britain. (R) 12.00 Nigel Slater: Eating
Together. (R) 12.30 Great British Menu.
(R) 1.00 Great British Menu. (R) 1.30
Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 2.30
Garden Rescue. (R) 3.15 Escape to the
Country. (R) 4.00 Flogl It! (R) 4.50
Inventing the Impossible: The Big Life
Fix. (R) 5.50 Reinventing the Royals. (R)
6.50 Proms Extra. Katie Derham is
joined by David Owen Norris and
Lauren Zhang, who performs at
the end of the show. Featuring a
discussion of famous pieces by
Grieg, Ravel and Debussy.
7.30 Dad's Army. Pike borrows
Mainwaring's new staff car to take
his girlfriend to the cinema – but it
breaks down, leaving the Lovebirds
stranded in the middle of nowhere.
(R)

- (R)
 8.00 Blitz: The Bombs That Changed Britain. The story of a bomb that fell on Jellicoe Street in Clydebank, West Dumbartonshire, a community of ship builders and factory workers who worked in difficult conditions. (R)
 9.00 QIXL. Sandi Toksvig invites
 Aisling Bea, Corey Taylor and Ross Noble and Alan Davies to answer questions associated with nosey and noisy in an extended edition of the comedy panel game. (R)
 9.45 The Bow with the Tombort Sor to
- the comedy panel game. (H)

 9.45 The Boy with the Topknot. Born to
 traditional Punjabi parents and
 growing up in Wolverhampton,
 Sathnam Sanghera moves to
 London after graduating from
 Cambridge University and builds a
 career as a journalist. He tries to
 atthe course is introduce. career as a journalist. He tries to gather the courage to introduce his English girlfriend Laura to his mother and father and reveal he will not be entering an arranged marriage – but instead learns a painful family secret. Drama based on the memoirs of Sathnam Sanghera, starring Sacha Dhawan and Anupam Kher. (R)
- and Änupam Kher. (R)

 11.15 Film: West Is West. (2010) A traditionally minded Muslim father in 1970s Salford takes his reluctant youngest son to Pakistan so he can reconnect with his roots. Comedy sequel, with Om Puri.

 12.59 Picnic at Hanging Rock. (R) 1.40 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty, 6.10 Make It Pop. (R)
6.35 Dino Dana. (R) 6.50 Mission
Employable. (R) 6.55 The Oddbods
Show. (R) 7.05 MingaGo: Possession. (R)
7.30 ToonMarty. (R) 7.40 ToonMarty.
(R) 7.55 Too Dead Weird. 8.25 ITV
News. 8.30 Zoe Ball On Saturday. 9.25
James Martin's Saturday Morning. (R)
11.20 James Martin's Saturday Morning. (R)
11.20 Love Your Garden. (R) 1.20
E10k Holiday Home. (R) 1.55 ITV News;
Weather. 2.10 The Chase. (R) 3.15 Film:
The Scorpion King. (2002) Fantasy
action adventure. starring Dwayne
Johnson. 5.00 WOS Wrestling.

- 6.00 ITV News; Weather. 6.15 Regional Programme: Weather.
- Begional Programme; Weatner.
 Japandemonium. A review of the best Japanese TV, showcasing some of the maddest and funniest moments ever broadcast, including Lo-Rider Hot Noodle Rodee, and the infamous slippery stairs and dizzy lift ball catch groups.
- 7.00 Big Star's Little Star. Stephen Big Star's Little Star. Stephen Mulhern hosts the entertainment show in which the children of Ken Bruce, Faye Tozer and Jodie Kidd spill the beans about their famous parents, talking about their famous parents, talking about their home lives, making heart-warming revelations or telling downright embarrassing stories. The contestants are all hoping to win as much money as possible for their chosen charities.
- their chosen chartles.

 8.00 Film: The Lord of the Rings: The
 Two Towers. (2002) Frodo and
 Sam continue their quest to
 destroy the all-powerful ring,
 bringing them face to face with the
 magical artefacts twisted former
 owner Gollum. Meanwhile, their
 allies repeared to make a deservate. owner Gollum. Meanwhile, their allies prepare to make a desperate last stand against the vast armies of the corrupted wizard Saruman, who has declared war on a neighbouring kingdom. Part two of Peter Jackson's tantasy adventure trilogy, starring Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Viggo Mortensen, Ian McKellen, Billy Boyd, Dominic Monaghan, Andy Serkis and Christopher Lee.
- Serkis and Christopher Lee.
 11.20 ITV News; Weather.
 11.35 Play to the Whistle. Holly
 Willoughby hosts the sportsbased comedy panel show. Last in
 the series. (R)
- 12.20 WOS Wrestling. (R) 1.10 Jackpot247, 3.00 Eternal Glory. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Trail Running: Tenerife Bluetrail.
6.35 The King of Queens. (R) 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.20 Frasier. (R) 8.50 Frasier. (R) 9.50 Frasier. (R) 9.55 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.50 The Simpsons. (R) 11.25 The Simpsons. (R) 11.35 Come Dine with Me. (R) 12.55 Four in a Bed. (R) 1.25 Four in a Bed. (R) 2.30 Four in a Bed. (R) 2.00 Four in a Bed. (R) 3.30 Four in a Bed. (R) 4.30 Four in a Bed. (R) 4.30

6.30 Channel 4 News

- 7.00 A Year in the New Forest. An unexpected heatwave leaves the forest facing its hottest early summer in decades, leading to an invasion of flies and other insects. invasion of flies and other insects. While many animals, including ponies, cattle and deer favins, struggle to cope with the intense heat, it proves a blessing for others – not least the forest's many species of rare butterflies. As the pace of life slows, the human residents are given a welcome opportunity to reflect on what makes the unique area so special and fragile. Last in the series.
- series.

 Saving Planet Earth: Fixing a

 Hole. As climate change begins to
 feel like an impossible challenge,
 this documentary tells the story of
 the first man-made threat to the
 planet's environment the hole in
 the ozone layer and how the
 world managed to fix it. The
 scientists and politicians at the
 heart of the story revised how they heart of the story reveal how they spotted the giant hole in the stratosphere and, against all odds, persuaded Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher to take action.
- 9.00 Film: Terminator Genisvs. (2015) A soldier fighting in a po apocalyptic war against living machines is sent back in time to machines is sent back in time to prevent an attempt to change the past—but when he arrives, he finds that history has been changed beyond recognition – and that a plot is being hatched by an unexpected enemy to destroy the future of the human race. Sci-fia adventure sequel, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.
- Schwarzenegger.

 11.25 Film: Sin City: A Dame to Kill For.
 (2014) Crime thriller sequel based
 on the comic-book series, starring
 Eva Green and Mickey Rourke.

 1.20 The Last Leg. (R) 2.15 The Crystal
 Maze. (R) 3.10 Hollyoaks. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshakel 10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (R) 10.35 Access 10.40 Police Interceptors (R) 11.25 Police Interceptors (R) 12.20 Police Interceptors (R) 12.20 Police Interceptors (R) 2.20 Nightmare Interceptors (R) 2.20 Nightmare Tenants, Shum Landlords (R) 3.15 Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords (R) 4.15 Rich House, Poor House, (R) 5.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! (R) 1.51 to Can't Pay?

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6.10 Can't Pay? We'!! Take it Away!
The officers try to recover £13,000
owed by a high-performance car
dealer in Birmingham, and in
Wolverhampton the agents chase
nearly £2,000 owed to a car hire
company. (R)

company. (R)

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v India. Highlights from the opening day of the Third Test, which takes place at Trent Bridge, as the five-match series continues. With commentary by Michael Vaughan, Mark Nicholas, Alison Mitchell, Sourav Ganguly, Ebony Rainford-Brent and Charles Dagnall.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 Blind Date. Paul O'Gradv is inited.

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8.00 Blind Date. Paul O'Grady is joined in the studio by a fellow dog lover, who has brought his four-legged friend with him to help choose between three mysterious women – all of whom have pets of their own on hand. Contestants from Guildford and Derby also go looking for love, and last week's couples return to reveal how their dates went. Last in the series.

9.00 Gino's Win Your Wish List. Gino
D'Acampo hosts the game show in
which a family from Cardiff
compete to win a holiday in Vietnam, as well as assorted other prizes, including a trip to a yoga retreat in Ibiza and a home makeover. To win they must perform some magic, and play rounds of Stacks and Belt Up.

10.00 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the housemates' first full day at the mercy of Big Brother, where it remains to be seen who is playing up for the benefit of the viewing public.

11.05 Best of Bad TV: Most Shocking 11.05 Best of Bad TV: Most Shocking
Ever. A romp through the most
inappropriate, outrageous, illconceived and downingth tringeinducing moments that made it to
air, featuring contributions from
some of those involved. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. 3.10 Britain's
Parking Hell. (R) 4.00 Britain by Bike
with Larry & George Lamb. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Wild Ireland: The Edge of the World
8.00 Natural World Special:
All Special:
Blackfly Season 10.25 Country Kings at
the BBC 11.25 Top of the Pops: 1986
11.55 There's Only One Madonna 12.50
Acoustic at the BBC 1.50 Wild Ireland:
The Edge of the World 2.50 Natural
World Special: Attenborough's Ark 3.50
Close

ITV2

11.55 Catchphrase 12.40 You've Been Framed! Gold 1.45 Film: The Flintstones (1994) 2.50 FYI Daily 2.55 Film: The Flintstones (1994) 4.30 FYI Daily 2.55 Film: Ela Enchanted (2004) 4.30 FYI Daily 4.51 Film: Ella Enchanted (2004) 4.30 FYI Daily 4.51 Film: Ella Fonchanted (2004) 5.25 Film: Ella Fonchanted (2004) 5.25 Film: Ella Fonchanted (2004) 5.25 Film: Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope (1977) 6.25 FYI Daily 3.0 Film: Stori Hood (2010) 9.00 FYI Daily 9.05 Film: Robin Hood (2010) 1.045 Family Guy 11.45 American Dad 12.40 The Cleveland Show 1.10 Film: What If (2013) 2.10 FYI Daily 9.12 1.5 Film: What If (2013) 3.00 Teleshopping ITV3

2.50 Film: Carry On Cowboy (1966) 4.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot 7.00 Midsomer Murders 9.00 Endeavour 11.00 Vera 1.00 On the Buses 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

12.00 Pawn Stars 1.30 ITV Racing: Live 12.00 Pawn Stars 1.30 ITV Racing; Live from Newbury, Coverage of the day's racing from Newbury, Ripon and Newmarket, 4.00 Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) 5.00 FYI Daily 5.05 Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) 7.00 World Series of Darts: Brisbane 11.00 Better Late Than Never 11.55 River Monsters 12.55 Minder 2.55 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping

11.30 Film: Dr Dolittle 2 (2001) 1.05
Brooklyn Nine-Nine 2.10 The Big Bang
Theory 6.40 Film: Iron Man 2 (2010)
9.00 Film: The Inbetweeners 2 (2014)
11.00 The Inbetweeners 12.05
Gogglebox 2.15 Rude Tube 3.05 The
Inbetweeners 4.00 Rude Tube 4.30
Rude(ish) Tube 4.50 How I Met Your
Mother

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11.00 Miracle on 34th Street (1947)
1.00 Cheaper By the Dozen (2003)
2.55 How to Train Your Dragon (2010)
4.45 Fantastic Four (2005) 6.50
Night at the Museum (2006) 9.00 The
Heat (2013) 11.20 Kick-Ass 2 (2013)
1.25 Farm Stoker's Dracula (1992) 4.00
Close

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CHOICE



Eight Go Rallying: The Road (BBC2, 9pm)

New series. Four teams of celebrities get behind the wheel of classic cars to compete in the Endurance Rally Association's Road to Saigon event, beginning in Northern Thailand and travelling 3000km through Cambodia and Vietnam. The teams consist of Noel Edmonds and his wife Liz in a MGB GT. married couple Martin and Shirlie Kemp in a 1972 Mini. mother and daughter Andi and Miquita Oliver in a 1959 Morris Minor, and friends Tinchy Stryder and Jordan Stephens in a Hillman Imp.

BBC₁

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Match of the Day. (R) 10.25 Sunday Morning Live. 11.25 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 12.00 Animals Behaving Badly. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) News; Weather. 1.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.45 Songs of Praise. 2.20 Fake or Fortune? (R) 3.20 Eat Well for Less? (R) 4.20 Pointless Gelebrities. (R) 5.05 Film: Swallows and Amazons. (2016) Premiere. Drama, starring Rafe Spall.

- 6 35 BBC News
- 6.50 Regional Programme
- Countryfile Live. This year's event comes from Blenheim Palace, where Matt Baker tries his hand at scurry racing and Ellie Harrison meets a taxidermist who does not use real animals in his art. Steve Brown goes backstage at the British charcuterie awards. John Craven and his pet dachshund learn about Churchill's love of dogs, and Tom Heap explores the impact of plastic on the environment. Plus, Anita Rani meets the winners of the Young Presenter Talent Search. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. 7.00 Countryfile Live. This year's event
- 8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The roving team values more decorative objects and rarities belonging to the public.
- the public.

 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould must prove that a sketchbook is the work of a young Toulouse Lautree, overturning a decision made by a committee of experts on the artist. The drawings in the book are of a very different subject matter to Lautrec's famous works and sare dated to whan has works, and are dated to when he was a teenager – a period of his life that is largely a mystery. To get to the truth, Fiona and Philip travel to the town in the south of France where Lautrec grew up and visit the grand family home where he spent much of his youth.
- 10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme. 10.20 Regional Programme. 10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman introduces highlights of Brighton & Hove Albion v Manchester United at the Amex Stadium and Manchester City v Huddersfield Town at the Etihad

- 11.30 Supermarket Shopping Secrets.
 Gregg Wallace goes behind the
 scenes with Britain's biggest food
 retailers. (R)
- 12.30 Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.35 BBC News.

BBC2

6.20 Coast. (R) 6.50 A to Z of TV
Gardening. (R) 7.35 Gardeners' World.
(R) 8.35 Countryfile. (R) 9.30 The
Beechgrove Garden. 10.00 Saturday
Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Great British
Menu. (R) 12.00 Great British Menu. (R) 12.00 Great British Menu.
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World Championships Highlights. 3.00
Motorsport: Ulster GP Highlights. 3.00
Seven Wonders of the Commonwealth.
(R) 5.00 Tribes, Predators & Me. (R)
6.00 Finbitting for Air. Dt Xand van

- 6.00 Fighting for Air. Dr Xand van Tulleken conducts the first ever large-scale experiment using people to try and bring about a quantifiable improvement in air quality for a single day. (R)
- 7.00 Inside the Factory. Gregg Wallace and Cherry Healey visit factories to find out how household staples are made and Ruth Goodman
- are made and Ruth Goodman examines their history. (R)

 8.00 Dragons' Den. Deborah Meaden, Peter Jones, Touker Suleyman, Tej Lalvani and Jenny Campbell assess plans for African coffee ceremonies, colourful wetsuits, fake tan and alternative energy.
- take tan and alternative energy.

 9.0 Eight Go Rallying: The Road to Saigon. New series. Four teams of celebrities compete in the Endurance Rally Association's Road to Saigon event, travelling 3000km through Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam.
- cambodia and Vietnam.

 10.00 Supercar, Superfam. New series.
 Documentary series following two
 brothers from a British-Pakistani
 family who own a workshop
 customising and revamping some
 of the world's most powerful
 sports cars.
- sports cars.

 10.30 Man Like Mobeen. Sitcom about
 a reformed drug dealer trying to
 look after his younger sister.
 Mobeen faces a moral quandary
 after an unexpected visit from the
 armed police. (R)
- armed police. (R)

 10.50 Man Like Mobeen. Aks is
 suspended from school for
 fighting, and Mobeen's uncles
 urge him to consider an arranged
 marriage to provide the girl with a
 female role model. (R)
- female role model. (R)

 11.15 Film: Just Jim. (2015) Premiere.
 A lonely Welsh teenager befriends
 his mysterious American
 neighbour, who gives him some
 lessons in how to be cool. Comedy
 drama, starring Emile Hirsch.

 12.35 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 1.30
 Holby City. (R) 2.30 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

- 6.00 CITV: Sooty, 6.10 Make It Pop. (R)
 6.35 Dino Dana. (R) 6.50 Mission
 Employable. (R) 6.55 The Oddbods
 Show. (R) 7.05 MingaGo: Possession. (R)
 7.30 ToonMarty. (R) 7.40 ToonMarty.
 (R) 7.55 Top Dead Weird. 8.25 ITV
 News. 8.30 Zoe Ball on Sunday. 9.25
 Japandemonium. (R) 9.50 Cannonball.
 (R) 10.50 Minga Warrior LK. (R) 11.50
 WOS Wrestling. (R) 12.50 ITV News.
 Weather. 1.00 Big Star's Little Star. (R)
 2.00 Gritain's Best Walks with Julia
 Bradbury. (R) 2.30 Paul O'Grady's Little
 Heroes. (R) 3.00 Tenable. (R) 4.00
 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) 5.00 The
 Chase. (R)
- 6.00 ITV News; Weather.
- 6.15 Regional Programme; Weather
- b.15 Hegional Programme; weather.
 5.25 Film: The Amazing Spider-Man 2.
 (2014) The webslinging hero battles a powerful new enemy when a downtrodden engineer develops lethal electrical powers, which he unleashes on those he believes have betrayed him. As if that wasn't enough to keep him busy, he faces an even greater threat when he is reunited with an unstable old friend who has been charged with a sinister mission by his dying father, leading to a series of tense confrontations that threaten to change his life for ever. Superhero adventure sequel, exterior Andrew Carfield Ferma starring Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone and Dane DeHaan.
- 9.00 Unforgotten. The team discovers a number of items that appear to belong to Hayley in Tim's house, providing the damning evidence needed to convict him of her murder. He tries to protest his murder. He tries to protest his innocence, claiming he bought them for his daughters at a fete. His story seems to be backed up when Jessica and her mother reveal that none of the items found belong to Hayley, leaving the investigation back at square one. Meanwhile, a new discovery has a shocking impact on the detectives, but prouse senseible divestables. but proves especially devastating for Cassie. Last in the series.
- 10.05 ITV News: Weather.
- 10.00 easyJet: Inside the Cockpit. In Paris, newly qualified pilot Ryan Clyde faces the prospect of conducting his first night landing, while back in the UK. (R)
- while back in the UK. (R)

 11.15 Tonight at the London Palladium.
 The variety show from the West
 End theatre continues. (R)

 12.10 Jackpot247. 3.00 Motorsport UK.
 (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Motor Sport: Caterham. 6.40 Motor Sport: Mini Challenge. 7.05 Motor Sport: FIA World Rallycross Championship. 8.00 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Simpsons. (R) 12.55 The Simpsons. (R) 12.55 The Simpsons. (R) 12.55 The Simpsons. (R) 12.55 Location. Location. Location. (R) 2.55 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) 3.25 Homes by the Sea. (R) 4.30 Film: The Devil Wears Prada. (2006) Comedy drama, starring Meryl Streep.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

- b.30 Channel 4 News.
 7.00 Flying Across Britain with Arthur Williams. Arthur flies across Scotland, making for the coastine of Argyll and Bute. Along the way, he gets a lesson in the challenges of flying over the Highlands, boards a seaplane for a trip to Loch Loend. Wide to another the property with the pr Loch Lomond, visits one of the world's most celebrated tiny airfields, and goes in search of the wreckage of aircraft from the Second World War in Oban.
- 8.00 Hidden Britain by Drone. Tony
- Hidden Britain by Drone. Tony Robinson sends aerial cameras into Britain's largest cave system and explores the secret beehives set up on the roof of Fortnum & Mason in the heart of London, providing customers with a constant supply of fresh honey. Plus, a visit to a recycling plant where aeroplanes are broken up. Film: Bridge of Spies. (2015) Premiere. A lawyer in 1950s New York is hired to represent a Soviet spies. It is hired to represent a Soviet spies. In the face of public condemnation, he argues against the death penalty, a stance that years later leads to his involvement in an exchange of prisoners in East Germany, Steven prisoners in East Germany. Steven Spielberg's fact-based Cold War drama, starring Tom Hanks and an Oscar-winning Mark Rylance.
- 11.45 First Dates. A 90-year-old visits the restaurant and hopes a ballroom dancing enthusiast is the woman for him, and a former brickie wonders if a glamorous PA will be his Ms Right. (R)
- 12.45 Film: Still Alice. (2014) Drama, starring Julianne Moore. 2.30 Building the Dream. A traditional Scottish cottage in the Firth of Forth. (R) 3.25 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. Phil Spencer helps a beautician living with six dogs. (R) **4.20** Lost and Found. (R) **5.15** The Posh Frock Shop. (R) **5.40** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshakel: Little Princess. 6.10 Wissper (R) 6.20 Poppy Cat. (R) 6.30 Milkshakel Monkey, (R) 6.35 The Secret Life of Puppies. (R) 6.40 Seaside Antics. (R) 6.40 Statis Antics. (R) 6.40 Seaside Antics. (R) 6.40 Simon. (R) 7.00 Peppa Pig. (R) 7.05 Paw Patrol. (R) 7.15 Thomas & Friends: Thrilis and Spills. (R) 7.30 Friendan Sam. (R) 7.45 Rust Rivets. 8.00 Paw Patrol. (R) 8.15 Pirata & Capitano. 8.30 Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) 8.50 Floogals. (R) 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.30 Digby Dragon. (R) 9.45 Peppa Pig. (R) 9.55 Peppa Pig. (R) 10.00 Teenage Mutant Niria Turfles. (R) 10.35 Holidays Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) 11.20 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.10 Police Interceptors. (R) 2.10 Police Interceptor Interceptors. (R) 2.10 Police Interceptors. (R) 4.10 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest. (2006) Swashbuckling adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp. 5.10 5 News Update. 5.15 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest. (2006) Concluded.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind Ups. Joe Pasquale narrates a special documentary celebrating special documentary deterbrains some of the greatest pranks celebrities have managed to play on each other. Highlights include Ant and Dec setting up Simon Cowell in a classic Saturday Night Takeaway moment he would probably rather forget, and Eurovision winner Cheryl Baker falling victim to one of Noel Edmonds "Gotcha" tricks. Ben Hanlin talks viewers through an elaborate hoax he pullled on former King of the Jungle Joe Swash, and more practical jokes come courtesy of Freddie Flintoff, Little Mix, and Game of Thrones' pint-sized trickster Maisie Williams. (R)

Celebrity Big Brother. The ups some of the greatest pranks

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the BB house.

10.00 Film: Straight Outta Compton. (2015) Premiere. Biopic of hip hop group NWA. Starring O'Shea Jackson Jr and Corey Hawkins.

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11.10 Film: Straight Outta Compton (2015) Concluded.

1.00 SuperCasino. 3.10 GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) 4.00 My Mum's Hotter Than Me! (R) 4.45 House Doctor. (R)

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BBC Four

7.00 Fisteddfod 2018 with Jason
Mohammad 7.30 Bute: The Scot Who
Spent a Welsh Fortune 8.30 BBC Proms
2018 10.30 Timeshift: Dial 'B' for Britain:
The Story of the Landline 11.30 Ovid: The
Poet and the Emperor 12.30 Jerusalem:
The Making of a Holy City 1.30 Sounds of
the 70s 2.00 Arena: American Epic 3.00
Bute: The Scot Who Spent a Welsh
Fortune 4.00 Close Bute: The Scot Who Fortune **4.00** Close

ITV2

11.25 Ninja Warrior UK 12.25 You've
Been Framed! Gold 1.30 Film: Spy Kids
(2001) 2.30 FYI Daily 2.35 Film: Spy
Kids (2001) 2.30 FIIm: She Smurfs 2
(2013) 4.20 FIIm: The Smurfs 2
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Episode V— The Empire Strikes Back
(1980) 6.25 FYI Daily 6.30 Film: Star
Wars: Episode V— The Empire Strikes
Back (1980) 8.00 Film: Spectre (2015)
9.00 FYI Daily 9.05 Film: Spectre (2015)
10.50 Family Guy 12.15 American Dadl
1.15 Chosted 1.40 Totally Bonkers
Guinness World Records 2.20 Guinness World Records 2.20 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen

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1.55 Rosemary & Thyme 3.55 Victoria
6.00 Lewis 8.00 Agatha Christie's Marple
10.00 Midsomer Murders 12.00 Wire in
the Blood 1.45 Blue Murder 3.25 Road to
Avonlea 5.05 Judge Judy 5.30 ITV3
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ITV4

11.20 FYI Daily 11.25 Film: Cristiano Ronaldo: The World at His Feet (2014)

12.25 Mr Bean 1.30 Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) 2.30 FYI Daily 2.35 Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) 4.20 Film: The Sting (1973) 8.20 FYI Daily 2.55 Film: The Sting (1973) 7.00 World Series of Darts: Brisbane 11.00 Film: The Missouri Breaks (1976) 12.05 FYI Daily 12.10 Film: The Wissouri Breaks (1976) 14.05 Film: The Wissouri Breaks (1976) 14.05 Film: The Wissouri Breaks (1976) 14.00 Film: The Wissouri Bre

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1.30 Film: Volcano (1997) 3.35
Rude(ish) Tube Shorts 3.50 The Big Bang
Theory 6.45 Film: Super 8 (2011) 9.00
Krypton 10.00 Fear the Walking Dead
11.00 Gogglebox 12.05 The Big Bang
Theory 1.00 Krypton 1.55 Fear the
Walking Dead 2.45 Rude Tube

FIIM
11.00 Porco Rosso (1992) 1.00 Endless
Love (2014) 3.05 Carry On Cabby (1963)
4.55 Fantastic Four. Rise of the Silver
Surfer (2007) 6.40 Cowboys & Aliens
(2011) 9.00 Ted 2 (2015) 11.15 Cheap
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4 Par Court, Sanstone Road, Bloxwich, Walsall, is a five bedroomed home with a family bathroom

Built by Bellway Homes in 2013, it is part of an exclusive development, close to Bloxwich Golf Club.

It is for sale through Skitts Estate Agents at

This beautiful home is set on a generous corner plot, having a most impressive fitted kitchen/family room with a utility room, a separate lounge and study. Upstairs, there are five bedrooms (two with en-suites) and there is also a family bathroom. The property also has a detached double garage and a rear garden. This home is double glazed and centrally heated throughout.

A spokesman for the selling agents said: "This really is a stunning family home, and worthy of internal inspection. It is conveniently located for local shops schools and transport links into Bloxwich, Walsall and

To the front of the property there are decorative gardens to front and side. A pathway leads up to the main entrance door

In more detail the entrance hall has stairs off to the first floor and two storage cupboards

The guest cloakroom/WC includes part-tiled walls and tiled flooring.

The study has a double glazed window to the front.

The lounge has a feature gas fire and a decorative surround and three double-glazed windows to the front and side elevations.

The stunning kitchen/family room has an inset ceramic-style sink with a feature mixer tap. There is a range of modern style fitted wall and base units with granite worktops. Add to this is a built-in oven, a grill and four-ring gas hob and extractor hood

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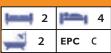


















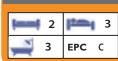




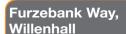


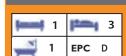












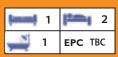






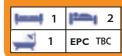


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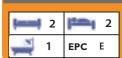


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- Two Bedroom Bungalow
- Double Glazing
 Gas Central Heating
 Entrance Hallway
- Family Bathroom
 EPC -TBA





 Two Bedroom Apartment Town Centre Location Allocated Parking
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Terret Close, Walsall





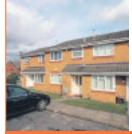


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 One Bedroom Flat

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 Deceptively Spacious

 EPC- 47



- One Bedroom First
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Family home benefits from corner plot

WALSALL £240.000

This stunning family home on a corner plot in Griffins Crescent, Walsall, is packed with the "wow factor".

It is for sale through Webbs Estate Agents at offers over £240,000.

It is situated in a sought-after cul-de-sac location on a popular development.

Its accommodation briefly comprises a through hallway, a lounge, a kitchen/diner, a guest WC, four bedrooms, a bathroom and an en-suite to the master

Outside, there is a private driveway, a garage and landscaped gardens

Contact Webbs Estate Agents on 01922 663399.









Spacious four-bed home has a large garden

BLOXWICH £150,000



This spacious fourbedroomed house in Ingram Road, Bloxwich, Walsal comes with a large rear

Being within 0.5 miles of Walsall Academy, it is for sale through Goodchilds at offers over £150,000 with no chain

It is set back from the road behind a good sized driveway. The property internally comprises a main lounge/ dining area, a refitted breakfast kitchen, a ground floor bathroom and a conservatory

The first floor has four bedrooms and a WC. To the rear of the property is a generous garden with a patio area, a lawned garden with storage sheds and a side gated access to the driveway In addition the property has gas central heating and double alazina.

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- Mula lentate Robese
 Gas centrally heated
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 Kitchen
 2 bedrooms,
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- End town house
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- Gas centrally heated
 PVCu double glazed
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 conservatory, kitchen
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Jabedrooms, bathroom/WC
Garage, Driveway, Gardens
NO SMOKERS, DSS & PETS CONSIDERED



- Wye Road Walsall
- Semi Detached House
- Gas centrally heated
- Double glazed
 Lounge, dining room, kitchen
 3 bedrooms, shower room/WC Large rear garden SORRY NO DSS, PETS OR SMOKERS
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Semi detached house
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 Double glazed
 Lounge, dining kitchen
 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
 Detached garage,
 Driveway, garden

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 Well Presented End of Terrace

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 Downstairs Bathroom
 Three Bedrooms, Three Bedrooms,
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Well Presented Semi-Detached House

- Well Presented Semi-Detached House
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 PVCu Double Glazing (where specified)
 Front Lounge,
 Rear Dining Room
 Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory

- Pitted Kitchen, Conservatory
 Downstairs wc
 Three Bedrooms, Bathroom







Kenilworth Crescent

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NO ONWARD CHAIN
£125,950

Three Bedrooms

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Lounge, study
kitchen, utility
4 bedrooms, b

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Prices for Vauxhall's new Combo Life

By James Parker

Versatile, practical and spacious, Vauxhall's all-new Combo Life will arrive in showrooms next month priced from £20,530 on-the-road.

Aimed at active families and empty nesters, the Combo Life comes in two trims, Design and Energy, with Energy models available as either a five- or seven-seater.

Customers can also choose between two wheelbases: standard and XL. Its diverse powertrain portfolio includes petrol and diesels with either manual or automatic transmission.

Priced at £20,530 on-the-road, the entrylevel Design 1.2-litre (110PS) Turbo Start/ Stop 6-manual model features standard specification including air conditioning, DAB Radio with USB and Bluetooth audio streaming and 16-inch steel wheels with styled wheel covers. Moving up the range, the Energy trim starts

Moving up the range, the Energy trim starts from £21,970 on-the-road for the five-seater 1.2-litre (110PS) Turbo Start/Stop 6-manual model

A high level of standard specification includes eight-inch colour touchscreen infotainment system, 16-inch alloy wheels and front and rear parking sensors.

If you need space for more passengers, the Energy seven-seater starts from £22,530 on-the-road for the 1.2-litre (110PS) Turbo Start/Stop 6-manual model. A high level of standard specification includes 35/30/35 split-folding second-row seats with fold-flat facility, two removable third-row seats and two foldable tables with cup-holders.

Combo Life customers can choose between a variety of turbo-charged, direct injection



It is equipped with two rear sliding doors



There are split-folding, fold flat second-row seats

petrol and diesel engines, all of which combine driving pleasure with low CO2 emissions from 111g/km and fuel economy up to 67.3mpg.

All powertrains meet the stringent Euro 6d-TEMP emissions standard that comes into force for all new registrations from September 2019. The units will be combined with modern five- and six-speed manual transmission. In addition, in a segment first, a low-friction eight-speed automatic with Quickshift technology can be ordered in combination with the top-of-the-range 1.5-litre (130PS) diesel.

Elsewhere, the new Combo Life is full of innovations that makes it a great choice for the whole family. It is equipped with two rear sliding doors and can be ordered as



Customers can also choose between two wheelbases: standard and XL

a five- or seven-seater, making it perfect for those needing plenty of room for people and luggage, such as a small sports team and their equipment.

The latest addition to the Vauxhall range makes longer trips more comfortable and enjoyable for the whole family, thanks to three individual rear seats, all with ISOFIX child seat brackets, and the optional panoramic glass

roof. The Combo Life raises the bar for safety and comfort in this segment. It is fitted with technologies and driver assistance systems that are more commonly seen in the compact or SUV segments, such as Driver Drowsiness Alert, Rear View Camera with 180° bird's-eye view, Head-up display, and Intellidrip, as well as improved comfort features such as heated seats and a heated steering wheel.



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By Carmel Stewart

The Fiesta supermini has been the envy of many a manufacturer over the years and rightly so.

It has held on to its top spot in the annual small hatchback sales tussle and has won multiple awards,

into the bargain.
In addition, it is powered by an unbeatable 1.0 litre EcoBoost engine which has won the International Engine of the Year award five times in a row. How can things get any better?

Step up the ultra-posh Vignale – not so much a trim level more an upmarket buying experience is the gist of Ford's marketing.
First introduced on the Ford Mondeo, swiftly

followed by the S-Max, the Kuga and the Edge, the Vignale badging adds a new look to every model it touches, along with an almost overwhelming hi-tech, top spec list of additions and luxury touches.

Outside, the Fiesta Vignale is Frozen White in colour, has 17-inch alloys, a specially designed front grille, Vignale bumpers front and rear, Vignale badging, a rear diffuser and a panoramic sunroof. Inside, there are extremely comfortable hexagonal-

guilted, tuxedo-stitched heated leather seats, a threespoke heated leather steering wheel, Vignale badged door sills and Vignale badged floor mats



Hi-tech additions and luxury touches

Ford is pretty certain the seats will remain comfortable for the lifetime of the car thanks to its mechanical 'Robot Buttocks' which apparently sat on the seats 25,000 times to prove their durability.

Safety features include a rear-view camera with rear parking sensors.

Fork out an additional £200 and Ford will fit front parking sensors and a delicious piece of stress busting kit – automatic park assist which not only alerts the driver to a suitable parking space but also reverses the car into it.

In-car entertainment is well cover by the 10 speaker B&O Play system, the Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity, and the eight-inch touch screen with voice control.

Buyers have the choice of two engines – the excellent 1.0 litre EcoBoost petrol with 100ps, 125ps, 140ps, or the 1.5litre 120ps diesel.

Best for economy will be the diesel at an average

The petrol unit will return between 57mpg and 60mpg depending on output and wheel size. Opting for the excellent automatic transmission will cause a dip in economy, taking it down to 49.6mpg

On the road the Fiesta is still as feisty and fun as it ever was. This latest model, regardless of trim, has sharper steering, new suspension and revised torque vectoring control, making it even more composed

The Vignale effect includes a dedicated salesperson – sorry, relationship manager special Vignale area of the showroom and 24-hour support for buyers who will be fetched and carried from home or work when a service is due. But all this fun and luxury comes at a price. The

entry-level Fiesta Style trim will set you back £13,715. The least you can expect to pay for the Vignale is £20.365

Opt for the five-door automatic and you are looking

For some, the comprehensive spec list and undeniable pampering will be well worth the extra. For the rest of us there is the standard model with the same great engines, flexible ride and smile inducing

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And the sprightly septuagenarian shows no signs of calling it a day on the courts just yet, having been crowned champion in the over-70s category at the National Squash 57, the new term for racketball, Chaming the Palachet Philip Chabacter and the Palachet Philip Chabacter Philip Philip Chabacter Philip Ph pionships at the Edgbaston Priory Club.

Prepare

The victory was all the more remarkable as Garvey had not participated in the nationals since 2008, and underwent major hip surgery in 2009 and a full shoulder reconstruction in 2012.

And Garvey, who has now won 19 national racketball titles, believes this is his greatest victory to date. "I think this is my best achievement yet, having not figured in the nationals for a long time," he said. "I had said I was going to call it a day because I have had operations on my hip and shoulder, and my knees are feeling the strain a bit. But I'm going to carry on playing. My wife, Carol, is a bit worried about me playing at my age but I still enjoy it and it keeps me fit and active."

Garvey enjoyed 3-0 victories over John Shingler (Priory) and John Hopkins (Solihull) in the quarter and semi-finals respectively to earn a shootout for silverware with the number one seed, Leicester's Hans Bilson. The final was a very tight 50-minute encounter with Garvey battling through to win 3-1 (9-11, 1916). ter with Garvey battling through to win 3-1 (9-11, 12-10, 11-8, 11-5).

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"I smashed my knee up playing football, I damaged my cruciate ligament, and I was told not to play sport. I have had a few operations on my knees but they have held up over the years

ear and I think that helped prepare me for the na-

tionals," added Garvey.

He has been a member at the Stourbridge club for more than 40 years and played county squash before turning to racketball in the late eighties.

He plays a couple times a week in the afternoon gagues which are open age affairs and see him pitted

against younger opponents.
"I played squash until I was about 35 and have been playing racketball since then," said the semi-retired asset finance broker.

"I play in the afternoon league at the club each week. I have managed to win that for the last four years so I am there to be shot at now, I suppose!

"It's open age so I can be up against players who are a bit younger than me. But that doesn't bother me, I don't think about the age, and the experience I have helps.

The latest trophy will take pride of place in a huge collection. Since taking up the sport he has also claimed national glory twice in the over-40s category, four times at over-45, once at over-50, and a double success at over-55.

In addition to his single successes, he has also bagged one men's open doubles title and four over-45s doubles wins. And he has been a national final-"I won the over-70s competition at my club, Stourist on another eight occasions in various singles and bridge Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, earlier in the doubles events."

bad considering I was advised not play sport again in my mid-20s," he said.

"I smashed my knee up playing football, I damaged my cruciate ligament, and I was told not to play sport. But I started to play squash in my late 20s. I have had a few operations on my knees but they have held up

over the years.

"I played in the Birmingham League when I lived

in Halesowen and then joined Stourbridge when we moved to Norton in the late 70s."

Not surprisingly, Garvey was also a hit on the squash court where he helped Stourbridge win 11 Worcestershire League titles and five cups while he went through one season with a perfect record of 16 wine from 16 squase. wins from 16 games.

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He then turned his attentions to racketball and captained the club to nine West Midlands League Division One successes between 1993 and 2002, doubling five of those wins up with the cup for good measure. Amazingly he lost just one game in those 10 seasons.

And with Garvey showing no sign of easing up, he is delighted to see a boom in the sport he loves.

Leagues

"There are quite a lot of people playing the sport now," he said. "The racket and ball are bigger than those you use in squash and it's probably a bit easier

"At our club, we have winter and summer leagues and there are about 15 divisions in each, so the sport is becoming really popular."

Sport is very much a part of the Garvey family

make-up.
"My dad, Geoff, played alongside the great Wolves
player and manager Stan Cullis in various war-time
matches in the 40s," said Garvey.

"I have got programmes from games he played at Craven Cottage and Stamford Bridge and he played

with numerous professionals.
"My son Mark was a goalkeeper and he played for Stourbridge and Halesowen. And my grandson Ryan is also a goalkeeper and is just starting out with Cook-

ley.

"Sport runs in the family and hopefully I will carrying playing for a few more years yet."

City duo added to Gavin warm-up bill

A BIRMINGHAM boxing duo have been added to Frankie Gavin's Europe

an welterweight title warm-up next month.

Middleweight Daryl Pearce and super welterweight, Jordan Clayton are now also on the bill at Holiday Inn, Smallbrook Queensway.

Gavin, the former Commonwealth and British Champion takes on Kerman Lejarraga in the Spaniard's back yard of Bilbao on November 17. Gavin is determined to bring home the European title, and, the 32-year-old will take part in the warm-up bout in his home city as he steps up his

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The five-fight dinner show will also feature Gavin's stablemate Brad 'Bosh' Thomas, and Central Area heavyweight champion, Kash Ali, as well as Walsall super welterweight Levi Ferguson.

The show, 'Bilbao Bound', takes place on Sunday, September 16. Tickets are £65 to include a two-course Sunday lunch or £35 standard unreserved.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 07900 741 617.

Masters degree for former Wolves player

FORMER Wolves player Seyi Olofinjana has been awarded a Masters of Sport Directorship (MSD) by Manchester Metropolitan University Busi-ness School. Former Nigeria international Olinjana, a coach with Scott Sellars' Under

23s side at Molineux, played for Wolves for four years until 2008. He is one of only the second group of prominent sports and business people to be awarded the masters degree. These included former Warwickshire and England cricketer Ashley Giles and former Albion footballer Michael Ap-

pleton.

Olofinjana said: "Over a fascinating and challenging journey studying for the MSD we have covered a wide range of topics including leadership, management, and innovation as well as sports governance. A focus on managing staff and athletes looked in depth at achieving the highest level of performance and success. All of this will undoubtedly prove invaluable in my role coaching young people at Wolves."

Young golfers tee up place in national final

TWO West Midland golfers have qualified for the national final of the

TWO West Midland golfers have qualified for the national final of the American Golf Junior Championship.

The Chase Golf Club's Chloe Williamson and Enville Golf Club's Ewan Humphries will participate in the event October, covered on Sky Sports.

Williamson progressed after an outstanding performance in the qualifier at High Legh Park Golf Club, Cheshire, and, despite entering the competition to 'gain experience for future competitions', she finished in second place after a strong back nine holes.

Humphries, from Stourbridge, had an equally as impressive showing at Gaudet Luce Golf Club, Droitwich, winning the upper net category by scoring 31 points off a handicap of 36.

Both Williamson and Humphries will play in the UK & Ireland final at Gainsborough Golf Club, sponsored by Ping. John Clark, managing director of Ping Europe, said: ""We're delighted to be continuing our partnership with American Golf and being part of this fantastic event yet again."

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Penalty boost as defender hits hat-trick

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A HAT trick of penalties by defender
Martin Stanton gave Darlaston a comfortable win at York Road Oldbury.

Darlaston's forward play was rewarded in the 17th minute. A right wing
cross from Diallo was met by Taylor's
firm goalward bound header but Dane
Hughes' outstretched hand denied the
striker his first mel of the season as the striker his first goal of the season as the referee pointed to the spot. Stanton con-fidently dispatched the spot kick.

Darlaston doubled their lead in the 28th minute. A superb deft header by Taylor converting Diallo's pin point corper Bustleholms were given a 145-14 ner. Bustleholme were given a lifeline in the 32nd minute. A half hit shot by Whittall was saved by Liam Whittaker and as the ball bobbled in the six yard area Sam Causton's attempted clearance hit the back of Whittaker and rebounded

On 37 minutes Darlaston were awarded their 2nd penalty when Bolzon was brought down from behind by Ashley Brookes. Stanton again dispatched the spot kick.

Darlaston were dominant in the open-ing 45 minutes but the second half was ing 40 minutes but the second half was more evenly contested and Bustleholme probably had the edge. With five minutes remaining Darlaston were awarded their third penalty of the game when Mark Swann was brought down by Zac Holden, for the 3rd time Stanton stepped up for his first hat trick for the club.

This Saturday, Darlaston are again.

This Saturday Darlaston are again on their travels as they visit Wellington Amateurs in Shropshire KO 3.00pm.

Pics rescue point as late rally sees **Waldron hit home**

Rushall Olympic 1 Banbury United 1 A LATE goal from Danny Waldron rescued a point for the home side in a hard

fought opening day encounter.
Rushall Olympic boss Liam McDonald felt the draw was a fair result.
"We worked hard and deserved some-

"We worked hard and deserved some-thing out of our game for our endeavour in the second half," McDonald said. "It's fair to say that it wasn't a great game; we didn't really get out of second gear, but that said it still took a wonder-strike to catch us out.

"We never looked like winning and we

never looked like losing, to be honest. We had to shuffle the pack a little but we stuck together to get something out

"You don't want to lose your first game, so we'll take the point and move on to the next one."

on to the next one."

For much of the game it appeared as if the visitors were going home with all three points after a fantastic strike from Rami Shamsi but the home side produced a late rally that saw last season's leading goalscorer Waldron on the scoresheet

Bronze medal feat in race to Finnish



Ellis Greatrex, aged 16, puts his feet up

targeting more success after capping off a roller-coaster few months with a bronze medal on the

The 18-year-old, from Willenhall, was part of Great Britain's 4x400m relay team which fin-ished on the podium at the IAAF World Under-20 Championships, held in Tampere, Finland.

For Greatrex, it was a remarkable experience, chiefly due to the fact he wasn't originally supposed to be competing.

"It was ridiculous. I wasn't meant to be going at first," said Greatrex. "I've been one of the top performers in my age group over the past few years but over the winter I tore my hamstring. "It affected me from December through to

April and I didn't make the cut - I was told I'd be

the non-travelling reserve.

"They did say, though, I'd be going if anything was to happen to one of the other lads and one got injured before they flew out, so I got asked to go at the last minute."

Defeat sees K&D take over at top

KNOWLE & Dorridge, 2017 Birming-ham League champions, have taken over at the top of the Premier League after defeating Walsall by 66 runs at Gorway.

A run-laden affair was cut short when Walsall were well behind the par score. Alex Phillips played a classy innings of 142, from 112 balls, which included 19 boundaries and three sixes as he and George Worker (66) put together an opening partnership of 160. Walsall hung in to take maximum bowling points. The game came to a halt after 40 overs of the Walsall innings with the home side on 208-6, adding maximum batting points. Billy Cox was unbeaten on 90 when the players left the field.

The highest total of the day came at Streetly in division two, where the home side clattered 352-7 against Coventry & N.W., who responded with 295 all out. Pelsall ran out winners by 61 runs, via DLS, at Old Elizabethans. Keith Moody hit 69 and Jake Lee scored 60 in a Pelsall total of 218 with Amar Jawanda taking A run-laden affair was cut short when

hit 69 and Jake Lee scored 60 in a Pelsall total of 218 with Amar Jawanda taking 3-31 and Khalid Baig taking 3-47 for OEs. The Worcester side were 90-6 from 31.1 overs when the game ended.

In the Staffs Clubs Championships, Aldridge could only muster up 114, beaten by eight wickets by Beacon, for whom James Fildes hit 67 not out. Aaron Allcock's 65 took Bloxwich to 183, but they lost by seven wickets to Coseley, Nathan Howell with 85 not out. Walsall YPF collapsed to 112 all out in reply to Wightwick & Finchfield's 223-9.

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IN boxing, if you don't knock out your opponent, you can ensure you do enough to win on points.

Sadly, that's not the case in football as this League One clash between Walsall and Scunthorpe proved.

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If this had gone to the judges' decision, it would have been unanimous – and by a good distance.

From the very first whistle, Dean Keates' side dominated this game, with the performance one of the best the Saddlers have produced on the road in years. But in the end they had to settle for a single point. And that's because they missed a staggering amount of clear-cut chances.

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The madness began in the 13th minute when, after forcing a succession of corners, one fell kindly for Jon Guthrie. Just yards from goal, the

kindly for Jon Guthrie. Just yards from goal, the defender produced an inventive volley, only for his effort to cannon off the post.

At the heart of everything was new recruit Morgan Ferrier, whose movement, pace and hold-up play was causing all sorts of problems. Yet the striker would go on to miss four glorious opportunities. In midfield, Isaiah Osbourne provided the perfect platform for George Dobson to go box-to-box. And in Andy Cook, the Saddlers had the perfect foil for Ferrier to run off.

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Cook himself went close in the first half with the striker scuffing a shot at goal after bundling his way past a couple of defenders.

Walsall had been so good, the Iron didn't threaten until the stroke of half-time when Goode turned a corner wide.

But, just minutes after the interval, they snatched an undeserved lead when the Saddlers could be a compared to the contraction of the contract

snatched an undeserved lead when the Saddlers struggled to clear a Jordan Clarke cross and that allowed Lee Novak to fire in.

But while they responded in the right way, the Scunthorpe goal continued to lead a charmed life. Finally they managed to get on the scoresheet when Matty Lund tripped Ismail in the box.

Referee Dean Whitestone pointed to the spot with Ismail dusting himself down to fire the ball into the ton corner.

into the top corner



Zeli Ismail is upended by Scunthorpe's Matthew Lund to give Walsall a penalty

Sawyers just misses out on a medal

STAFFORDSHIRE long jumper STAFFORDSHIRE long jumper Jazmin Sawyers suffered a frustrating weekend at the European Championships as she competed strongly but finished just outside the medal places.

In a thoroughly entertaining and topsy-turvy women's long jump final, Sawyers' third leap

of 6.53m saw her into the final eight, going further with her

fifth attempt of 6.66m to lift her

fifth attempt of 6.66m to lift her into bronze position.

The City of Stoke AC jumper, from Trentham, then went further, 6.67m, to be in with a medal shout before Ukraine's Maryna Bekh went six centimetres longer on her last effort.

Sawyer's teammate Shara

Proctor took third place with 6.70m and Bekh took silver,

with German Malaika Mihambo sending Berlin's Olympiasta-dion crowd into raptures with gold (6.75m).

goid (6.75m).

"I have to be pleased with how the season's gone but right here, right now, I finished fourth – and nothing is going to make that sound good right now. I so wanted a medal. I'm still going," said Sawyers, 24.

Saddlers no longer scared to perform

DEAN KEATES says building an environment in which players aren't scared to perform has been key to Walsall's impressive start to the season.

The Saddlers kicked off the 2018/19 campaign with victory against Plymouth and then put in an outstanding display only to be held to a 1-1 draw at Scunthorpe on Saturday.

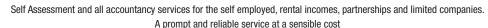
But while Keates is pleased with the start his team has made, he isn't get-

start his team has made, he isn't get-ting carried away. "What happened last season, happened last season," the boss said. "It was about building the right culture and environment for players to come in and not be scared to play."."

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